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"THE TIMES" APOLOGISES FOR BRITAIN

London, To-day.
"The Times" says that the Brussels Conference declaration does not go so far even as the Report adopted by the League Committee of Twenty-Three on October 5, which at least held out some hope that individual members of the League might extend some help to China.

It is hardly surprising, says the journal, that the Chinese delegates should have expressed their disappointment at the poor results of the great international meeting, yet it is difficult to see what other conclusion the Conference could have reached.

CHICAGO SPEECH

It must be admitted that the odds have been against success of the Conference from the start, and the disappointment at its meagre achievement has been intensified by the fact that it met before the echoes of President Roosevelt's great Chicago speech had time to subside.

No single power felt justified in taking the initiative in recommending a less passive policy, and in these circumstances, hard facts imposed restraint upon all.

A POSSIBILITY

It is possible, indeed, that this restraint may prove in the end to have been beneficial by preventing decisions which in the present temper of Japan might have barred the door against mediation.

The British Government has nothing whatever with which to reproach themselves for the failure (which may only be temporary) of the first concerted attempt to bring peace to the Far East.

WERE READY FOR ALL LENGTHS

They were ready to go to all lengths with any other Power which had constructive proposals to that end, but recent experience had taught them the uselessness of taking the initiative in defending international treaties without assurances that they would obtain something more than platonic support.

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WUSIH'S FALL CLAIMED AND DENIED TOWNS ROUND BATTLE ZONE HEAVILY BOMBED

Shanghai, 1.30 p.m., To-day.

Completely contradictory reports on developments in the fighting zones leave the precise situation exceedingly confusing, though as somewhat startling claims of Japanese successes do not carry the authority of official confirmation by the Japanese military spokesman, they are possibly to be regarded as optimistically anticipatory.

One of the claims made by the Japanese news agency is that Japanese forces this morning forced their way into Wusih. This is not only denied by Chinese forces who claim to have started a successful counter-offensive, but conflicts with official reports of aerial bombing, which show that the territory in front of Wusih was severely bombed this morning.

Changchow, main headquarters of the Chinese forces to-day, was also subjected to a severe air bombardment and part of the city is reported to be in flames. Kiangyin and Changhing were other points selected for mass air attacks during the morning and serious damage with heavy civilian casualties is reported from Changhing.

Another Japanese report alleges that Changhing has been denuded of troops, who appear to have voluntarily retired to new defence positions near Kiapu. This again is categorically denied in Chinese quarters, where information goes to show that strong reinforcements rushed to the positions south of Taim Lake are seriously menacing the Japanese hold on Wusih.

KIANGYIN BATTLE

Very heavy fighting is admitted to be proceeding in the Kiangyin sector, with no indication of Japanese progress.

Independent observers, in a position to judge, are inclined to discount the Japanese news agency reports until they are supported by more dependable sources. An American military observer returning from the Soochow area this morning stated that there has been no material change in the position on the fronts for the last 48 hours, add-

ing that the Chinese morale appears to have been completely restored. — Our Own Correspondent.

GUERRILLAS HARASS JAPANESE

Tientsin, 2.20 p.m. To-day.

Japanese forces on all North China fronts are completely at a standstill. Reports from Shansi indicate that the situation has been dangerously jeopardised by the guerrilla activities of the Eighth Route Army under Chu Teh, while guerrillas in Hopei are creating a problem of considerable anxiety. — Our Own Correspondent.

ADM. YAMAMOTO FOR ROME

Tokyo, To-day.

Vice-Admiral Shinjiro Yamamoto will sail from Kobe on board the "Haruna Maru" on Friday for Naples, whence he will proceed to Rome, in order to pay a visit to the Vatican.

It is stated that he will also travel to various European countries with the object of "enlightening" Catholics regarding the Communist peril and Japan's struggle to prevent permeation of China by Communism. — Trans-Ocean.

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GENERAL UGAKI ADOPTS MILD TONE IN DISCUSSING OBJECTIVES IN CHINA

Tokyo, To-day.

Interviewed to-day, General Ugaki, member of the Government's advisory staff, said he was convinced that the Japanese Government at present had no territorial ambition in China.

Nevertheless, if the warfare was prolonged, with an increase in the Japanese sacrifice and casualties there necessarily would be changes in the Japanese national aspiration.

General Ugaki did not specially desire the downfall of General Chiang Kai-shek, but stressed several cases in Chinese history in which a new government had come to power while the old government was still in being.—Reuter.

He emphasised that Japan wanted direct negotiation with China without the intervention of third parties. Trans-Ocean reports that General Ugaki said that Japanese policy is based on the principle that China belongs to the Chinese, and therefore Japan would leave it to the Chinese to decide whether they prefer a nationally united China or whether they wish the northern provinces to become autonomous.

WAR DECLARATION

Japan had not declared war on China because her military action was not directed against the Chinese nation but only against Communist elements in China.

General Ugaki stressed that the anti-British movement in Japan was confined to a relatively small circle, and could be attributed to the fact that some of the great powers, including Britain, afforded China both material and moral support, which had the effect of prolonging the war.

ANGLO-FRENCH POLICY

London, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain confirmed in the House of Commons yesterday that the French Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, and the Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, have accepted the British invitation to visit London on Nov. 29 and 30 for an exchange of views on the international situation with himself and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.—Reuter.

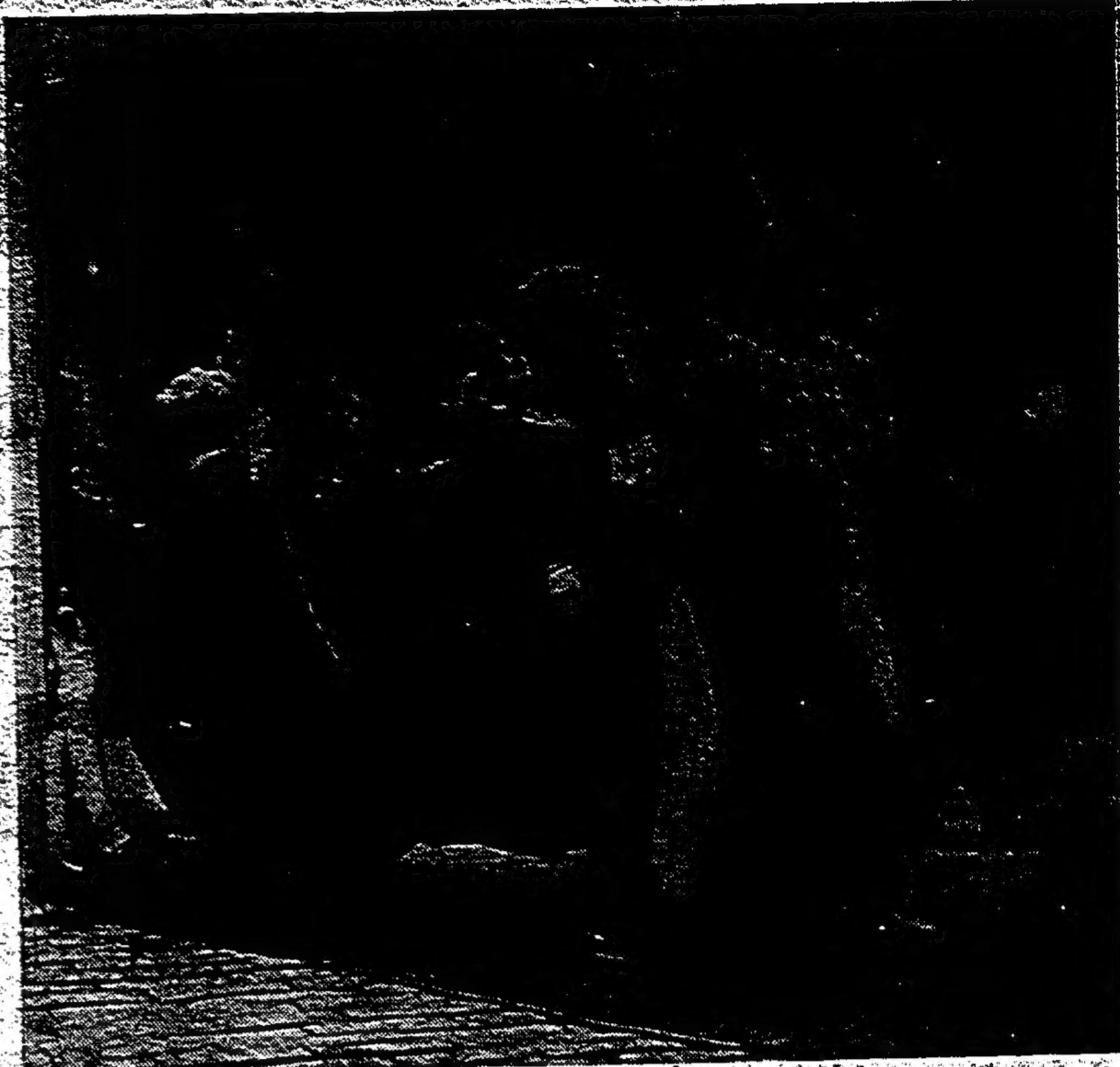
ITALIAN COMMENT

Rome, To-day.

Official quarters decline to comment on the forthcoming visit to London of the French Premier and Foreign Minister.

Unofficial quarters, however, consider the visit may yield good results, and the hope is expressed that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will seek to influence the French in the direction of a more realistic understanding of Italian and German needs.—Reuter.

Lin Cheong was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries sustained when he was knocked down by motor car No. 250 driven by Mr. Woolard, of the Kowloon Fire Brigade.



The King and Queen at Edinburgh University recently. (For Copy right).



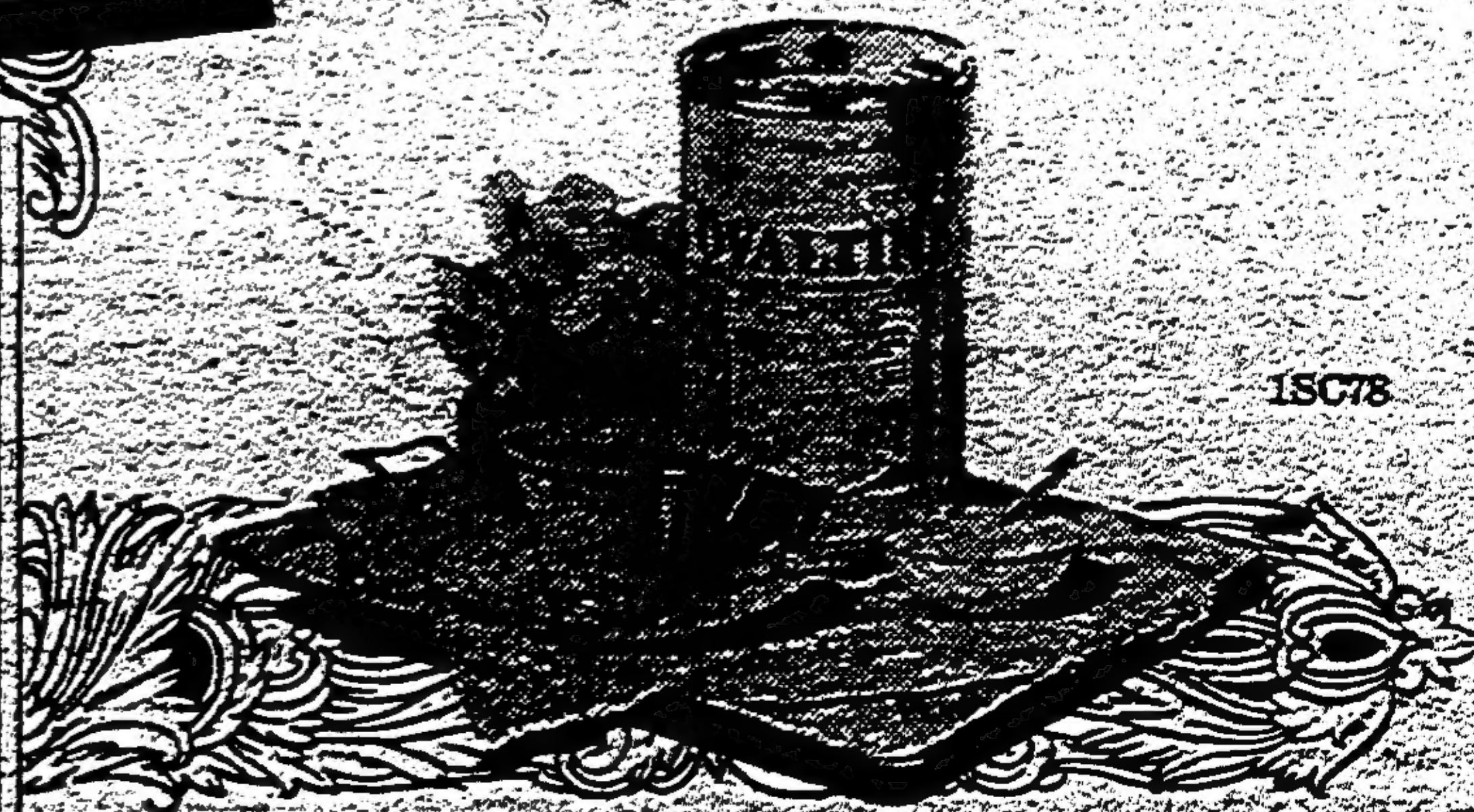
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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—George Boulanger & His Orchestra with Lys Gauty.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Faure Ballade Op. 19. Played by Mme. Marguerite Long (Piano) with Orchestra conducted by Philippe Gaubert.
1.20 p.m.—Light Orchestral Fantome (Daniderff).
Serenade Passionee (Silesu).
Jean Lensen & His Orch.
Casino Tanze (Gungl, Op. 237).
The Bohemia Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts. The Yeomen Of The Guard—Alas! I Waver To And Fro.
N. Briercliffe, W. Glynn & P. Dawson.
Is Life A Boon? ... Derek Oldham.
Here's A Man Of Jollity ... Chorus.
I Have A Song To Sing, O!
Winifred Lawson.
George Baker & Chorus.
Patience—If Saphir I Choose to Marry ... D. Oldham, M. Green.
D. Fancourt, M. Eyre.
N. Briercliffe & Orch.
When I Go Out of Door.
G. Baker, L. Rande.
I'm a Waterloo House Young Man.
Leslie Rands & Chorus of Girls.
Finale, Act 2 ... Full Company.
1.56 p.m.—Dance Records.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5-8.05 p.m.—European Programme.
8.05-11 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

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5 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Concert.
6.45 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orch. with Les Allen (Vocal).
"Viktoria And Her Hussar".
Selection Orchestra.
Where Is The Sun? (Redmond & David).
Sweet Heartache (film "Hit Parade").
When Old Friends Meet Again (Tobias & Potter) ... Les Allen.
Her First Dance (Heykens).
The Music Comes (O. Strams).
Tiny Tot (Fisher, Lotter).
Waltz (Durand) Orchestra.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Sportsmen Talking—Dixie Dean and Ivan Sharpe.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Variety.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.
11 p.m.—Close down.
8.05-11 p.m.—European Programme from ZEK On a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.
8.05 p.m.—Variety.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—At The Black Dog. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.
9 p.m.—London Relay—Sea Shanties.

9.10 p.m.—London Relay—Food For Thought. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Grace Moore (Soprano).
Our Song (film "When You're in Love").
The Dubarry.
I Give My Heart (Operetta "The Dubarry").
10 p.m.—Tschankowsky—Casse Noisette Suite. Played by Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
10.25 p.m.—Light Operatic & Dance Music.
"Merrie England" Selection.
New Symphony Orchestra.
Cond: Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
The Geisha—Vocal Gems.
Light Opera Company.
Fox-Trots—I'm Feeling Like A Million (film "Broadway Melody of 1938").
Caravan Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Waltz—The Swallows (J. Strauss).
Johann Strauss & His Viennese Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—You're Looking For Romance, I'm Looking For Love.
Sunset In Vienna (from "Vienna Sunset").
Brian Lawrence & His Lansdowne Orch.
11 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
GSI 21.53 Mc/s (18.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (18.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben "Fire" A play by A. J. Alan.
11.05 a.m.—Ballet Music.
11.15 a.m.—Sportsmen Talking—Dixie Dean and Ivan Sharpe.
11.30 a.m.—Harold Coombe, at the Organ of the Capitol Cinema, Aberdeen.
12.00 noon—The Arthur Hiley Quintet.
12.30 p.m.—At the Black Dog.
1.00 p.m.—Sea Shanties.
1.10 p.m.—Food-for-Thought.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (18.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSI 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSI (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.58 Mc/s.
2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. Recital by Dr. Ernest Bullock, on the New Organ in Westminster Abbey.
2.45 p.m.—From These Beginnings. A pageant of radio.
3.30 p.m.—Dancing Time.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements.
4.15 p.m.—Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—As I See It—A talk by Ian Hay.
4.35 p.m.—The Bath Pump Room Orchestra.
5.00 p.m.—Close down.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 9.51 mc/s (31.55 m.)
G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben "From These Beginnings". A pageant of radio.
9.00 a.m.—Royal Tennis—A broadcast from King Henry VIII's court at Hampton Court.
9.15 a.m.—Food for Thought.
9.35 a.m.—The News and Announcements.
9.45 a.m.—Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—Variations for Pianoforte: Brahms—2.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DJA 31.38 m, DJB 19.74 m, DJE 16.29 m, DJN 31.45 m, DJQ 19.63 m.
H.K.T.
2.15 p.m.—Gay potpourri.
3.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
5.00 p.m.—Concert of operetta music.
7.00 p.m.—News.
8.15 p.m.—Concert of Light Music.
8.55 p.m.—Greetings to our listeners in the Far East.
9.25 p.m.—Short selections.
10.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

CAPITALISING LUCK

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: I offer the enclosed as what I believe to be a good example of capitalising one's luck. I am not sure that North and South reached a good contract but, on their respective holdings, I frankly do not see that either of them committed any bidding error. The opponents indulged in some fancy squawking after the hand was over, because declarer had found a singleton king. They overlooked the fact that he had turned this bit of pure luck to good account by his subsequent handling of the cards.

South, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S—7 5 4
H—A 10 6
D—Q 9 7 2
C—A 10 3

WEST
S—K Q J 9 8 2
H—9 5 3
D—K
C—Q 9 2

EAST
S—3
H—8 7 4 2
D—J 10 6 3
C—J 8 7 4

SOUTH
S—A 10 6
H—K Q J
D—A 8 5 4
C—K 6 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 no tr. 2 spades 2 no tr. Pass
3 no tr. Pass Pass Pass
"Certainly South's opening bid was orthodox both in the number of honour tricks held and in the 4-3-3-3 distribution. Nor do I think that North's raise to two no trump can be subject to censure. With two aces and a queen, not to mention two ten spots, North certainly could not pass nor could he bid his attenuated diamond suit at the three level. He could double, of course, but this was not desirable because of his own vulnerability and the opponents' nonvulnerability.

nerability. Do you agree with me that his two no trump was the best bid available?

"West opened the spade king, which held. When the queen was continued and East discarded a heart, declarer won and, after considerable study, laid down the diamond ace. He had been looking pretty depressed, but the fall of the king was a wonderful restorative. He cashed his three heart tricks, thereby stripping East of hearts, and led a low club from his own hand to dummy's ten. West won and returned a club, which went to dummy's ace. A third round of clubs left East with the thirteenth but then, when the eighth of diamonds was allowed to ride, East could do nothing but win with the ten, cash his good club, and sheepishly return a diamond from his 10-6 up to dummy's Q-9.

"Admitting that the drop of the diamond king was a stroke of pure luck, do you not agree that declarer deserved credit for his subsequent play?

Yours very truly,

"A. M. M. Boston, Mass."

I do agree that declarer earned his game. Lucky breaks come to all of us from time to time, but we do not always co-operate with the fickle goddess even when she is in a benign humour. I further agree that North's two no trump bid was correct under the vulnerability conditions, despite the fact that it resulted in a contract that was far from "cold."

To-day's Question

Question: Dealer opened the bidding with three hearts and partner responded with four clubs. What should dealer now bid with S J 10 H K Q J 10 8 6 5 D 7 C K J 6?
Answer: Four hearts. A minimum three bid calls for a sign-off on the next round.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Nobody's Baby."—With Patsy Kelly and Lyda Roberti as a starring fun team, this Hal-Roach feature comedy is a laugh-fest from start to finish. The cast includes Lynne Overman, Robert Armstrong, Rosina Lawrence and Don Alvarado.

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"Artists And Models."—Paramount's million dollar musical, with Jack Benny, Ida Lupino, Richard Arlen, Gail Patrick, Ben Blue, Hedda Hopper, the Yacht Club Boys, Andre Kostelanetz and his orchestra.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Things To Come."—With Raymond Maisey and Cedric Hardwicke—H. G. Wells' prophetic film spectacle typical of to-day's events.

AT THE STAR—"John Meade's Woman."—The man who would fight anything meets a woman who fights back—to give you the dramatic thrill of a lifetime. With Edward Arnold, Gail Patrick, George Bancroft and the famous New York stage star, Francine Lawrence.

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BRITISH EMBASSY MOVES TO HANKOW

London To-day

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London To-day

First ship to visit Shanghai will be the Rajputana, homeward bound, on Jan. 7, and the Chitral, outward bound, on Jan. 10.—
Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day

The British Consul-General, Mr. Herbert Phillips, to-day reiterated the warning that all British merchantmen must readily and correctly reply to signals from a Japanese warship.

Repetition of this warning followed information from the commander-in-chief, Admiral Sir Charles Little, that his attention had been drawn to a case in which a British merchant ship had not responded correctly to signals from a Japanese man-of-war.

Mr. Phillips points out that the British Government had agreed that Japanese warships may communicate with and board British merchant ships in order to verify the right of the ship to fly the British flag.

British ships therefore must comply with such requirements without hesitation or reasoning why.

The Consul-General asks all shipping companies to impress on the masters of their ships the importance of complying with these requirements.

Mr. Phillips emphasises that in view of the serious consequences that might result to British shipping generally from the failure of one ship to follow these instructions, masters "must understand that their personal feelings should not be allowed to enter the question."

—Renter

SHEIKH FARHAN SENTENCED TO DEATH

Chefoo, To-day.

The mole and wharf were considerably damaged when a Chinese military party returned to Chefoo yesterday for the express purpose of completing its destruction.

Frequent explosions rocked the city as the party pursued their task, after which they returned to Weibsiem.

Meanwhile, shipping continues to use the inner harbor—Reuter.

London, To-day.
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Accused was convicted of illegal
carrying arms.

Sentence will be carried out by hanging.—Trans-Ocean.

SYRIA AND TURKEY

Damascus, To-day.

The Syrian Premier, Mardan Bey, now in Paris negotiating with the French Government, will, on his return journey, visit Ankara in order to discuss important Turco-Syrian problems with the Turkish Government.

One of these problems is that of the Sanjak of Alexandretta—Trans-Ocean.

Lieut. A. Oliver of H. M. S. Diana, has reported the loss of a wrist watch, somewhere between Mody Road and the Kai Tack Air Base.

BIG FIVE MEET AT KREMLIN

Moscow, To-day.

A new course in the foreign policy of the Soviet Union is foreshadowed in the "Voelkscher Beobachter," commenting on deliberations which it is understood have been taking place in the Kremlin between Stalin, Marshal Voroshiloff, M. Maxim Litvinoff, Molotoff and Kalinin.

It is learned that considerable importance is attached in Soviet circles to these deliberations.

Foreign policy was undoubtedly the main topic discussed at the meeting of the five Soviet leaders, and though there has been virtually no leakage of information about the content or the outcome of the discussion, it is regarded as significant that M. Litvinoff's programme which had entailed various visits to foreign countries during the next few months, has been cancelled in its entirety.

LITVINOFF TRIP OFF

In this connection, the journal learns that American quarters had still continued to reckon with acceptance by M. Litvinoff of the invitation to visit the United States which a prominent American politician had conveyed to him on a recent incognito visit to Moscow, and which it is thought would have exerted some influence on the Far Eastern position.

Further evidence as to the nature of the Kremlin deliberations is deduced from the fact that all recent recalls of Soviet diplomatic representatives have been restricted to those countries that border on the Soviet Union, namely, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Turkey and China.

There are rumours to the effect that the Soviet envoy to Rumania has also been recalled.

Stalin's support is said to have been obtained to a new plan of action to be launched by the Soviet—Trans-Ocean.

HASTINGS BYE-ELECTION RESULT

London, To-day.

The Conservative stronghold at Hastings was again stormed unsuccessfully by a Labour candidate at a by-election yesterday, though with a much reduced majority for the Conservative candidate.

The by-election was rendered necessary by the resignation of Lord Eustace Percy after his appointment as Rector of King's College, Newcastle.

The Labour candidate, Mr. W. W. Wood, had contested the seat at the General Election.

Yesterday's polling resulted:

Mr. Hely-Hutchinson (C)	18,428
Mr. W. W. Wood (Lab)	11,244
Conservative majority	7,184

The figures at the General Election were:

Lord Eustace Percy (C)	20,905
Mr. W. W. Wood (Lab)	9,404
Conservative majority	11,501

—Reuter.

WUSIH-KIANGYIN FRONT STILL HOLDING FIRM

Shanghai, To-day.

A Japanese spokesman admitted this morning that no progress has been made along the Kiangyin-Wusih front in the last 48 hours, while they are also encountering a stubborn resistance west of Wushing.

The Chinese troops at Kiangyin have been re-organised and reinforced by the newly appointed commander, General Weng Chao-yuan, Commander of the Woosung Forts in the 1932 Shanghai War.

BAD WEATHER

Bad weather still prevents the Japanese from putting their tanks into action, but their warships are heavily pounding away, concentrating on the Chinese positions west of Kiangyin.

GUNBOATS HIT

The Chinese claim that the forts have made two direct hits on two Japanese gunboats, which retired badly damaged.

In the Wusih sector, about seven miles east of the town, machine gun fire continued all night, the spluttering occasionally interrupted by the roar of artillery from both sides.

Chinese circles report that the Japanese troops launched several unsuccessful infantry attacks yesterday, all broken up by Chinese machine-guns.

PLANES INACTIVE

Lowlying clouds prevented Japanese planes from large-scale activity.

From Wushing, comes a report this morning stating that the Japanese are now held completely in check west of Wushing.—Our Own Correspondent.

NEW OFFENSIVE IN SHANTUNG

Peiping, To-day.

Heralding impending drives by the Japanese troops deeper into Shantung, military planes are carrying out an intensive bombardment along the Tsing-tao-Tsinan Railway, according to Japanese reports.

A squadron bombed the Chinese positions along the military road linking Tsing-tao and Shanlungshan.

A freight train carrying military supplies was also bombed by another squadron.—Reuter.

QUEENS & ALHAMBRA

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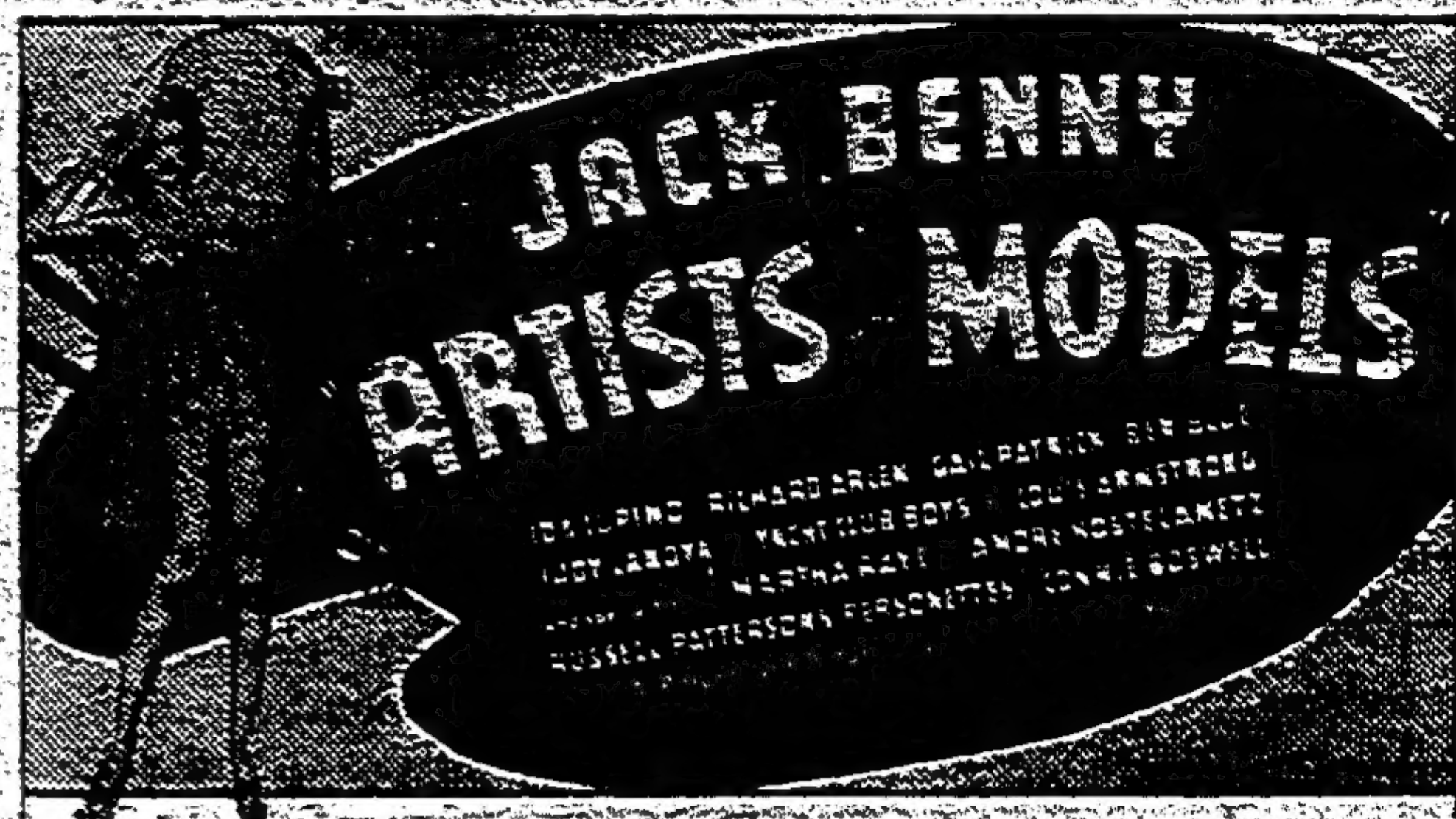
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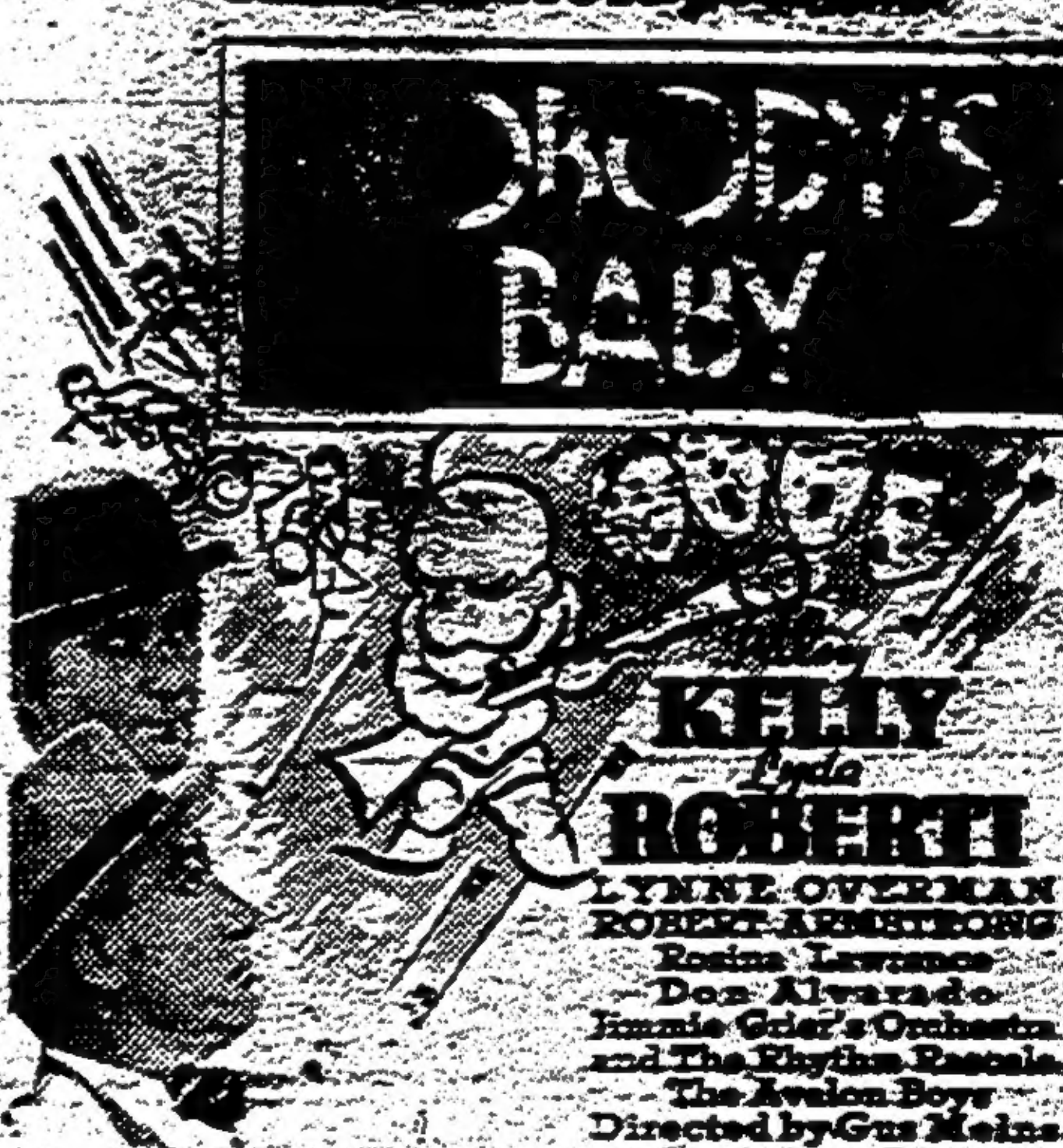
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BRACEGIRDLER INCIDENT INQUIRY

Colombo, To-day.

Sir Andrew Caldecott, Governor of Ceylon, has appointed a commission of three members to enquire into the circumstances of the issue and subsequent annulment of the deportation order against Marj Bracegirdle, the English planter last year.

Bracegirdle, it will be recalled, was prosecuted for alleged "subversive" activities.

The commission appointed by Sir Andrew will also investigate how application for deportation was made without the knowledge of the Legislative Assembly. —Reuter.

Since Sir Andrew's arrival, Bracegirdle has left Ceylon.

GORED BY BULL

Guan Chien, aged 30, a workman at the Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital after he had been gored in the thigh by a bull.

STATELY CEREMONIAL AT TO-DAY'S GOVERNMENT HOUSE INVESTITURE

A DISTINGUISHED ASSEMBLY INCLUDING H.E. THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, MAJOR-GENERAL A. W. BARTHOLOMEW, THE COMMODORE, CAPTAIN E. B. C. DICKEN, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE CONSULAR BODY, AND THEIR LADIES, ATTENDED THE INVESTITURE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR GEOFFREY NORTHGOTE, K.C.M.G., AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS MORNING.

Stately and impressive ceremonial, glittering uniforms, the Chief Justice Sir Atholl MacGregor in full robes of office, exquisitely gowned women and the sombre dignity of morning dress, the recipients of the insignia of their honours, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, sponsored by Major-General A. W. Bartholomew and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Harry Westlake, sponsored by Mr. E. J. B. Mitchell and Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mrs. T. H. King, sponsored by Mrs. Alabaster and Mr. E. Cock, Miss Seto Wai-sheung, sponsored by Mr. G. P. de Martin and Miss Katie Woo, and Mr. John Castilho, sponsored by Mr. A. M. de Sousa, combined to make a lasting impression on the gathering.

HON. MR. N. L. SMITH, C.M.G.

Addressing Mr. Norman Lockhart Smith, His Excellency said: "I have it in command from His Majesty the King to invest you with the insignia of a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George."

This Honour has been bestowed upon you in fitting recognition of some twenty-seven years in the Civil Service of this Colony. During that long period you have done duty in many of the most important departments of this Administration, always with distinction for yourself and to the advantage of the public, and in a manner which has won you wide esteem and affection.

From April of this year you were, not for the first time, the Officer Administering the Government of this Colony. It would, I think, be no exaggeration to say that never was an acting Governor faced with a combination of more varied and baffling circumstances than you were during that time, but however that may be, I am certain that none ever came through this trial with greater credit than did you.

In the first place came the Coronation ceremonies over which you presided to the satisfaction and admiration of all. Next the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, and the difficult refugee problem which arose as its result and itself gave rise to a grave cholera epidemic. Impinging upon these disasters came the catastrophic typhoon of September 2nd, which far exceeded any that the Colony had experienced and caused unprecedented loss and damage.

Through all these storms, clear-sighted and undismayed, you brought the Colony's ship into the calmer waters where it was my good fortune to find her. I will not dwell on the debt of gratitude which personally I owe to you for your ready and steady help during the first weeks of my governance. I gladly and most gratefully admit its immensity and I would like to add that it greatly enhances my happiness in playing my part on this occasion.

It is with very great pleasure that I now invest you with the Insignia of a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

MR. H. WESTLAKE, M.B.E.

Addressing Mr. Henry Westlake, His Excellency said: "I have it in command from His Majesty the King to invest you with the Insignia of a Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire."

This is not the first recognition which your long and good service of the Crown has received. You already wear on your breast the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Medaille Militaire. These decorations you justly earned by virtue of your courage and soldierly efficiency during the twenty-seven years of service in the Regular Army.

You came straight from that honourable employ to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps as Corps Sergeant Major, and now after fifteen years of devoted work with the Corps you are leaving it with the rank of Captain and Quartermaster.

But, as you yourself cannot fail to recognise, you are leaving a vastly improved efficiency, thanks to your unflagging zeal and loyal labours; and your many friends within and without the Corps will rejoice to-day at seeing this token of His Majesty's further recognition of your meritorious services.

I have very much pleasure in investing you with these Insignia.

MRS. T. H. KING, M.B.C.

Addressing Mrs. Jessie Mary King, His Excellency said: "I have it in command from His Majesty the King to invest you with the Insignia of a Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire."

Since your arrival in this Colony you have always concerned yourself to serve it through its charitable and social organisations, and it is a fact well known to all that your devotion has resulted very largely to their advantage. It was a very fortunate thing

VIENNA STUDENT STRIKE

Vienna, To-day.

Student disorders are continuing not only in Vienna but in other Austrian university towns.

Vienna University students are still out on strike, in spite of threats of drastic action by the Rector.

Yesterday, students' attempts to march to the Ministry of Education were frustrated by the police who had barred all approaches to the inner city.

The students are agitating, inter alia, for the right of electing students' representatives and the abolition of the system of appointed representatives, and release of all students arrested. —Trans-Ocean.

for the Girl Guides Association of Hong Kong that when circumstances required Lady Southorn to lay down the baton of Colony Commissioner you were willing and able to take it over from her. The Ministering League which has you as its President and the many other charitable bodies and committees which have your support and help have much to thank you for, and with your other friends present here to-day their members will feel that the recognition which your eminent social services have received is most well deserved.

I have very much pleasure in investing you with these Insignia.

MISS SETO WAI-SHEUNG, HON. M.B.E.

Addressing Miss Seto Wai-Sheung, His Excellency said: "I have it in command from my Sovereign, His Majesty King George VI, to invest you with the Insignia of an Honorary member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire."

It is now but seven years since you were appointed the first Inspector of the newly-born Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, and for nearly a year you worked single-handed throughout both Hong Kong Island and Kowloon. The work was new and parents were shy or incredulous and even hostile at times. But your tact, your sympathy, your courage and your determination were of such a quality that their fears and prejudices were swiftly overcome and within the year the first and most important battle was won: to-day the poorest of the community know you as their valued friend.

The Society now stands firmly established and, thanks largely to the light which your investigations have shed upon the conditions in which the children of the poorer class live, it has the necessary facts on which to base its policy.

Hong Kong's gratitude to you is the greater that you, though not a British Subject, have taken up this splendid work here. It is, of course, for that reason alone that your membership of the Order is honorary.

It is with very much pleasure that I invest you with these Insignia.

MR. J. CASTILHO, I.S.O.

Addressing Mr. John Castilho, His Excellency said: "I have it in command from His Majesty the King to present to you the Imperial Service Medal."

This Medal has been awarded to you in recognition of all but forty years of highly meritorious employment in the Government Service.

You began in the Sanitary Department in the year 1897, whence after 15 years you were transferred to the Public Works Department. In that department you were employed for eight years after which you became an Assistant Bailiff in the Supreme Court, eventually rising to be Second Bailiff.

Throughout this long period of service you have borne an excellent character and your well-known honesty and courtesy have won you the respect of the public. So fine a record is very greatly to your credit and reflects credit also on the Government Service.

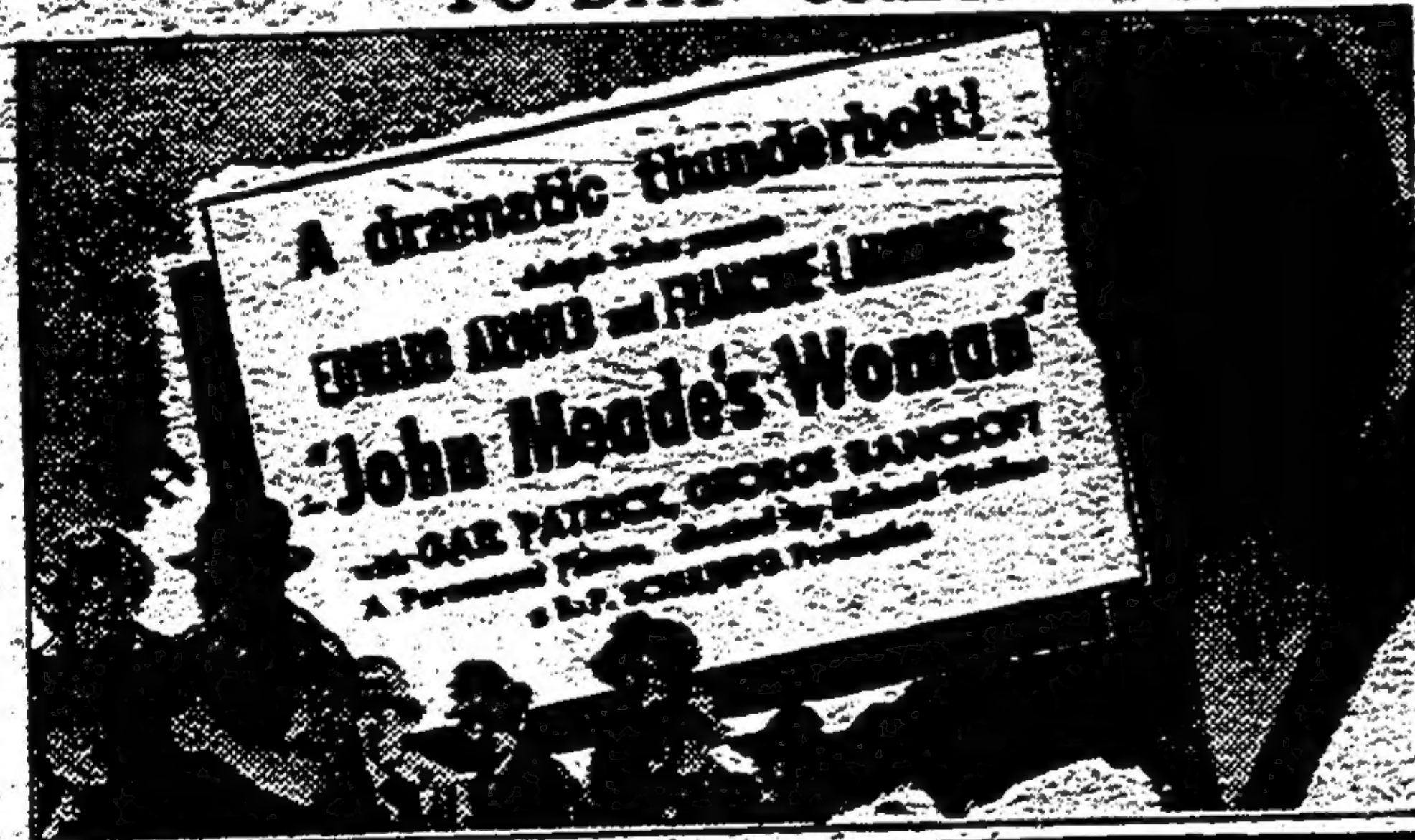
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CLOSING PHASES OF THE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE

Dr. Wellington Koo's Statement On Situation

HOLDS THAT COMMON ATTITUDE IN ACTION IS INDISPENSABLE

Brussels, To-day.

After he had adopted the Brussels Conference declaration, Dr. Wellington Koo, the chief Chinese delegate, made a statement proclaiming that in view of the continued raging of hostilities, the Chinese delegation believes that mere reaffirmation of principles cannot be considered a satisfactory result of the Conference, because it is inadequate to deal effectively with the grave situation.

The Chinese delegation regrets that the Conference did not consider the suggestions it made, with a view to adoption of certain positive and complete measures.

It holds that such concerted action is indispensable in any effort to restrain Japanese aggression and hasten the restoration of peace.

The Chinese delegation notes that suspension of the Conference is temporary, and regards further exploration as necessary.

RESTRICTIVE MEASURES

It desires to emphasise that in order to make additional effort successful, it is not only essential that such effort be made promptly but it is indispensable to consider the necessity of common action in the form of positive aid to China and restrictive measures against the aggressor.

Italy alone voted against the declaration, which follows the lines already cabled.

Most important is Paragraph XI which states that the Conference is temporarily suspending sittings to allow the Governments to exchange views and further to explore all peaceful methods of just settlement in conformity with the Nine-Power Treaty.

The conflict in the Far East remains, however, as much concern to all the Powers assembled at Brussels, especially those immediately and directly affected.

INTO RECESS

Although it is emphasised that the Conference is merely going into recess, it is generally felt that there is extremely little likelihood of it ever re-meeting.

Mr. Norman Davis, the United States delegate, in his speech yesterday, declared that nothing was lost and much gained in regard to a more complete knowledge of the difficulties and possibilities of the situation.

Mr. Davis said that the recess in no way meant that the problem they had been considering would be dropped, or that their interest in a solution was in any way lessened.

AIM STILL THERE

It made it all the more important to continue constantly and actively to try and bring about cessation of hostilities and a constructive settlement.

Lord Cranborne (Britain) supported Mr. Davis's remarks, and said that the British Government would keep in close touch with the other governments during the recess with a view to taking advantage of any opportunity of advancing the objects for which the Conference was convened.

NOT UNMINDFUL

While not unmindful of the situation which Dr. Koo so clearly and temperately put before the meeting, he was sure the Chinese delegation would appreciate the difficulties in which the Conference met.

Signor Aldrovandi (Italy) said: "I said the Conference would fail. It has. We should not adjourn but dissolve it."—Reuter.

NEW BELGIAN CABINET

Brussels, To-day.

M. Paul Emile Janson yesterday succeeded in forming a new Cabinet, so that the ministerial crisis in Belgium has come to an end after four weeks of uncertainty.

M. Janson, who is a well-known lawyer, was a Liberal Deputy from 1918 to 1936. It is the first time since 1884 that a Belgian Premier has not been a Catholic.

Like the preceding van Zeeland Ministry, the Janson Cabinet is a coalition of Socialists, Catholics and Liberals.

The proportion remains the same.

Most important posts are:
Premier—M. Paul Emile Janson
Foreign Affairs—M. Paul Spaak
War—General Henri Denis
Finance—M. Henri de Man
Agriculture—M. Hubert Pierlot
Interior—M. Diervoet
Ocean.



The triple turrets of the new British cruiser, H.M.S. Glasgow (Fox Copyright).

WORLD GLUT OF WHEAT

New York, To-day.

The United States Department of Agriculture estimates world production of wheat, exclusive of Russia and China, at 3,800,000,000 bushels, compared with 3,542,000,000 bushels last year.—Reuter.

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THE WORLD GOES BY

"I have no objection to paying taxes," said a defendant in court. Another sad example of a man with a warped mind.

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With becoming gravity, a physician writes in an American periodical a few hints on how to catch and keep your man.

"Take an interest in him when you're with him.

"Don't giggle.

"Be natural, whatever you're like.

"Never laugh at him.

"Don't send him slushy notes.

"Don't ring him up at his office."

The Office Blonde says it is not as simple as all that, or else American men must be pretty easy to catch and keep.

Perhaps, she suggests, the physician was holding something back—

as all women should who want to keep or catch a man.

Primo Carnera, says a news item, given a Fascist salute by Italian Girl Guides at the London headquarters of the Italian colony, returned the salute. His hand hit the ceiling of the entrance hall, this being greeted with roars of laughter. In fact, he brought the house down.

"They laughed when I sat down to play," says an advert. for music

by correspondence. In my case, they still do, curse them.

A female writer, none other than my old friend Dorothy Dix, in an article discussing young women, suggests that sex-talk is taken for granted at modern dinner tables, but was absent from those of twenty years ago.

Now this, as we paunchy, middle-aged ones well know, is false. I well remember in the days of my youth, way back in the Naughty 90's, my grandfather, his face flushed with the good red wine, roaring risqué stories at the table, each sally being greeted with roars of laughter from those present, including the Vicar and we small toddlers. Ah, me! The good old days. Gone for ever, I am afraid.

As a matter of fact many of the expressions used by these so-called younger smart set to-day were in vogue before any girl now seventeen was even a wicked gait in her father-to-be's eye. "Petting party" is a hoary chestnut, ditto "jazz." The girl of to-day who wants to be really modern should take advice from her mother and great-aunt. They were the pioneers of modern sex appeal, and don't men know it.

CHINESE ART EXHIBITION

The Chinese Society, Hong Kong University, will be holding a Chinese Art Exhibition from Dec. 1 to 8 in the Hong Kong University Fung Ping Shan Chinese Library. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., has kindly consented to open the Exhibition on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 11 a.m.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON LORD HALIFAX'S VISIT TO BERLIN

Furthering Desire For Mutual Understanding

SPECULATIONS IN NEWSPAPERS WIDE OF MARK

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister made the following statement in the House of Commons at question time: "As the Chancellor of the Exchequer informed the House, the visit of the Lord President of the Council to Germany was entirely private and unofficial. It had, however, as the House is aware, been arranged that Lord Halifax should see Herr Hitler which he accordingly did last Friday at Berchtesgaden, being accompanied by Baron von Neurath, the German Foreign Minister.

"During the visit the Lord President also had an opportunity of meeting General Goering, Doctor Goebbels and other prominent leaders in Germany.

"These conversations were of a confidential character and the House will not, I am sure, expect me to make any further statement regarding them at this stage. I am satisfied, however, that the visit has been valuable in furthering the desire which I believe to be generally felt in both countries for the establishment of closer mutual understanding."

Asked if he were aware of the ments for such a visit had since been speculations on Lord Halifax's con- made.—British Wireless.

Answering another supplementary, he said that no pledges had been given and when the Opposition leader said he took it that no commitments of any kind would be made without the Commons being consulted, the Premier observed: "Of course not."

He also stated that the French Government had not yet been informed regarding Lord Halifax's conversations but indicated that he would give full information on the occasion of the forthcoming visit of the French Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to London, which he announced in a subsequent answer.

A similar statement was made by Lord Halifax himself in the House of Lords.

The prime minister in the Commons, said the French Prime Minister and Foreign Minister had accepted an invitation from His Majesty's Government to visit London next Monday and Tuesday for an exchange of views on the international situation with himself and Mr. Eden.

Asked if the Government would consider an interchange of Ministerial visits with Prague and Moscow, he replied in the negative, reminding the House that Mr. Eden had recently met Dr. Hodza in London and also Monsieur Litvinoff at Brussels.

In an earlier question addressed to the Foreign Secretary he referred to the postponed visit to London of the German Foreign Minister and Mr. Eden replied that no arrange-

CABINET CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

The results of the visit to Berlin of Lord Halifax, and the forthcoming visit to London of the French Premier and Foreign Minister, were the main subjects of discussion at the usual Wednesday meeting of the Cabinet yesterday, which lasted over two hours.

The journey of the French Ministers is regarded in some quarters as proof that international political conversations have now been set going, and that far-reaching decisions may be imminent.

Nothing has yet transpired, however, regarding the nature of these decisions.

URGENT MATTER

The "Daily Express," discussing the French visit, says the British Government obviously considers the matter to be urgent.

Turning to the Hitler-Halifax talks, the paper asserts that the Fuehrer demanded that the British Government declare itself willing, on principle, to give back the German colonies.

At the same time Herr Hitler is said to have expressed his readiness to agree that de facto return of the colonies to Germany need not take place before five or six years.

FUEHRER'S VIEW

The Fuehrer, adds the paper, also told Lord Halifax that he would only discuss with European states such questions as directly affect the interests of those States, that he would, for instance, not discuss the problem of Czechoslovakia or Austria with Britain.

This point of view, in the paper's opinion, is opposed to the British standpoint in the matter of collective security.

MALAYAN GIFT OF PLANES

London, To-day.

Cheers greeted an announcement by the Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Ormsby Gore, at question time in the House of Commons yesterday of the Malayan Sultans' offer to present the British Government with two squadrons of service aeroplanes to be stationed in Malaya.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore added that on behalf of the British Government he had requested the High Commissioner to the Malay States to convey warm thanks to their Highnesses for their further mark of goodwill and co-operation.—Reuter.

RACIAL EXPANSION

Both the "Daily Express" and the "Daily Mail" speak of Germany's "racial expansion," which according to them implies inclusion of the German populations of Austria and Czechoslovakia in the German Reich.

Both papers say this is the first aim of Herr Hitler's foreign policy.

The "Daily Herald" also asserts that Herr Hitler declines to discuss German policy in Central Europe with Britain.

The paper says that the Fuehrer told Lord Halifax that Germany would not seek to precipitate a solution of Central European questions, and that the main problem at present was that of colonies.

FRENCH VIEW

In Paris, political circles consider the Chateaux-DeBos visit to London as proof that Herr Hitler made certain concrete offers to Lord Halifax, and that Downing Street desires Anglo-French agreement on the offers before they are published.

In the lobbies of the Senate and Chamber yesterday, the opinion was expressed that some of the most important post-war diplomatic negotiations were now in progress.—Trans-Ocean.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND NOTHING ELSE

Berlin, To-day.

General satisfaction is expressed in political quarters here with Mr. Neville Chamberlain's Commons statement that British press rumours on Lord Halifax's talk with Herr Hitler were "quite incorrect."

It is stressed in Berlin that the talk was merely an exchange of views and nothing else.

The greatest reserve is being maintained in Berlin, and it is stated that at this stage there is absolutely no question of anything concrete resulting from the suggestion that principles of German policy were definitely established by Herr Hitler.—Trans-Ocean.

SIGNOR GRANDI ON BRITAIN AND ITALY

London, To-day.

The King yesterday received at Buckingham Palace the delegation of Italian Ex-Servicemen, headed by Major Carlo Delcroix, who are now visiting England as guests of the British Legion.

Major Delcroix, who is blind and lost both arms, was presented to the King, together with his comrades, by the Italian Ambassador, Count Dino Grandi.

At a gathering later, in honour of the visitors, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Asquith Cooper, referred to the question of Anglo-Italian relations.

He said he had come to believe that misunderstandings in themselves would never suffice to break up the traditional friendship existing between Britain and Italy, and which firmly implanted in the hearts of both peoples.

It was a friendship which would survive and would bring both nations into close association once again, just as they had been in the past.

TIME SQUANDERED

Count Grandi said he was firmly convinced that if both nations would set out to remove the obstacles lying in the path of friendship, they would be surprised to find that there was no real cause for mistrust.

Both would undoubtedly deplore the time that had been squandered and lost in restoring mutual confidence.—Trans-Ocean.

NEWS FLASHES

The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming to sell by Public Auction on Saturday, the 27th November, 1937 commencing at 10 a.m. at the premises of the Kwok Fung Bank Nos. 45 and 47 Wing Lok Street.

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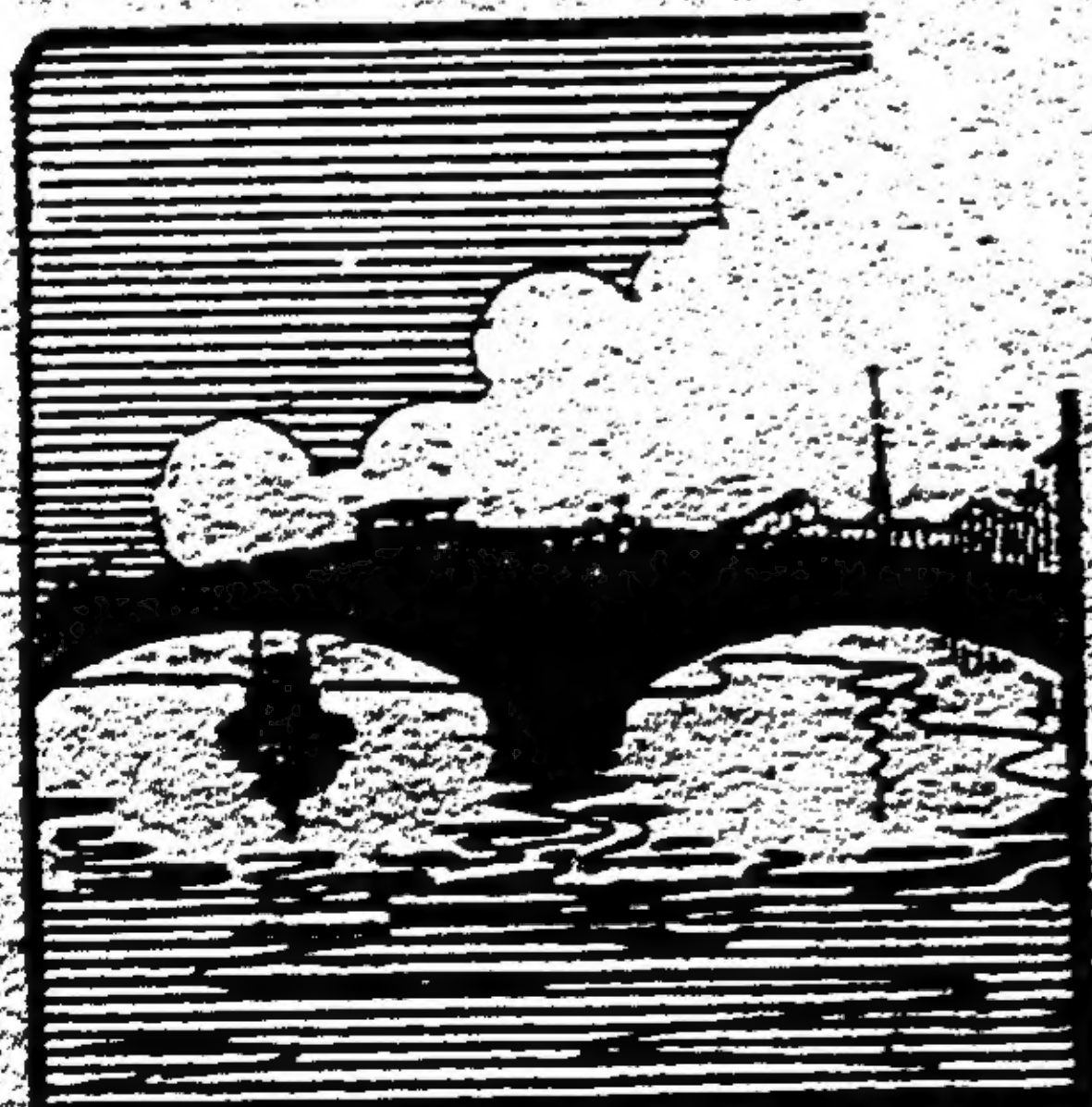
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A WARNING TO JAPAN

We have suggested it before. Brussels brings it vividly to the fore again. The world's so-called democratic countries seem not to be controlled in their policies by the wishes of the people, nor by politicians, nor yet by professional experts at Foreign Offices. The interests of "the capital investor"—such is the lesson of the Nine-Power Conference—dominate every other consideration. There seems no other explanation of the abject failure of the conference. It fits the facts there just as aptly as it fits the attitude to Japanese encroachments in the settlement in Shanghai, where apparently China's feelings are to be ignored provided the service of foreign loans is protected. In a reference to this matter an official spokesman ventured to refer to "the rights of war," when Japan's failure to be honest in her aggressions and to declare war, her contention that she is not engaged in a war, has deprived her of what might otherwise be legitimate rights.

Meanwhile, events in Italy, with whom Japan has suddenly developed a close friendship, are worthy of study by the Japanese politicians who are now urging open declaration of war in order that there shall be no possibility of influence to prevent the carrying of hostilities deeper into China "to impress the country of the costly sacrifices made by the Japanese." Some six months ago Signor Mussolini was speaking of Abyssinia. "It is full," he said, "of possibilities in livestock, crops and minerals, beginning with gold." He was careful to add that "the difficulties are gigantic," and certainly since then Italians have heard much more of the difficulties than of the gold. Signor Mussolini's latest attempt to abolish the Budget deficit is the imposition of a tax of 10 per cent. on the capital and reserves of joint-stock companies—to pay for the Abyssinian war (and perhaps for intervention in Spain) and to finance the rearmament which has been forced on Italy "by the arms programmes of the other world Powers." It is no wonder that this news has been gloomily received by Italian business men. Instead of finding

a great new field for investment in Abyssinia, they have been reminded that the promised land has not been paid for and are confronted with a tax which must be a considerable strain on home industry. The sacrifices necessary to maintain precarious prestige are not confined to the richer classes. For the first time since the war maize must, by law, be mixed into the Italian loaf. The price of olive oil, a staple food of the poorer people, is kept at a reasonable level with the greatest difficulty, while rice is much dearer. Prices are mounting more quickly than wages, and in the shops inferior substitutes masquerade increasingly as the real article. Italy is suffering all the pains of a poor country which has been saddled with vaulting ambitions.

The Territorials

Further measures designed to adjust the relationship of the Territorial Army and the Regular Army and to recognise the full status of the Territorials as an integral part of the defence system were announced by Mr. Hore-Belisha in the House of Commons on Tuesday. What the measures were is a matter of relative unimportance. An arrangement whereby well-to-do Territorial officers can secure a full encyclopedic knowledge of the modern arts of war in Staff Colleges, or something of that kind. The important thing is the purpose behind it all, the cultivation of a civilian-soldier organisation, and putting it upon a footing which the vast majority of Territorials at no time contemplated when they volunteered as often as not "for the fun of the thing." The changes mean a stricter discipline, keener training, readiness to become at a moment's notice a part of the standing army. Mr. Hore-Belisha virtually admits that the only difference finally between the Regulars and the Territorials will be the fact that the Regulars are regularly paid and not merely when they attend camp, and the additional precision in barrack-square drill of the Regular Army which, after all, is of smaller importance when there is "real work" to be done.

Fear of aerial attack has, of course, been the primary factor in the demand for tightening up the Territorial Army organisation. When he announced that its administration was to be centralised under a Director General with a seat on the Army Council, Mr. Hore-Belisha claimed by this "the value which the nation placed on the Territorial Army as an indispensable branch of the fighting services was expressed and secured." Mr. Hore-Belisha also said "that there was no doubt that the Territorial Army must be expected in war to play a full part," but beyond adding that it was responsible for defending the coast and manning searchlights and anti-aircraft guns he did not develop the theme of its main wartime purpose. The changes Mr. Hore-Belisha announces are to the good if they increase the responsibility of the Territorial Army in home defence and raise it from its old anomalous status. But it may be doubted whether it will really be put on a satisfactory basis until we know more clearly what is to be the purpose, not merely of the Territorial but of the Regular Army.

HUMILIATION OF THE POWERS IN SHANGHAI

Liberal And Labour M.P.s Bombard Mr. Eden

"BRITISH INTERESTS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES"

SETTLEMENT IN VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION

London, To-day.

"ARE WE TO understand that the Japanese military are in occupation of Shanghai and that we have made no protests whatever?" asked Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour, Derby) putting the last of a long string of questions on China in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, replied: "No, the Hon. Member is not to understand that."

Asked by Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal, Wolverhampton) why Japanese troops were permitted to march through the International Settlement, Mr. Eden replied that permission was neither sought nor granted.

Japanese troops were in the Settlement already on the same basis as the troops of other nations when hostilities broke out.

As far as he was aware, Japanese troops had not marched through the Settlement to the south of Soochow Creek.

DEPORTATION OF MR. T. V. SOONG

Mr. Wedgwood Benn recalled Mr. Eden's answer two days ago that no alteration in administration of the Settlement would be con-

sented to without Chinese Government consent, and asked how, therefore, he could permit such things as deportation of Mr. T. V. Soong, the former Nanking Finance Minister, under Japanese orders.

Mr. Eden said his answer did not bear the interpretation which had been put on it.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander asked if we were in the humiliating position that we have to do exactly just what the Japanese Government tell us.

UNHAPPILY TRUE

Mr. Eden replied that in the International Settlement, British interests are not the only ones.

"The Settlement is in a very difficult situation to-day," said the Foreign Secretary. "That is certainly unhappily true."—*Reuter*.

Discussions Still Proceeding

Questioned about the Japanese demands to the Settlement authorities at Shanghai, the Foreign Secretary replied that he understood the Japanese authorities were discussing with the Municipal authorities various matters under the head of the suppression of anti-Japanese activities and Chinese Government organisations in the Settlement.

It was too soon to state the results of the discussions which were still proceeding. His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo and the British authorities in Shanghai had repeatedly reminded the Japanese Government of their promises to respect foreign rights in China and would continue to do so when occasion required such action. Mr. Eden was also questioned regarding

"IT STANDS TO REASON" SAYS JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

"The exigencies arising out of the further conduct of the war make it impossible for Japan to tolerate any actions of a certain character in Shanghai," declared a Foreign Office spokesman yesterday.

It stands to reason, he continued, that Japan will take over full control of the entire news service in Shanghai, and will not allow anything in the nature of agitation against the Japanese to be carried on in the Settlement by Chinese or by foreigners.

Asked whether Japan intended to occupy the foreign areas, or take full control of the Customs, the spokesman said: "I have no information on these points."

Future Japanese action, he stated, would depend on the attitude of the foreign powers in Shanghai. —*Hans Ocean*.

WAICHOW ALSO BOMBED YESTERDAY

Canton, To-day.

It was learned this morning that Waichow was also bombed during the visit of Japanese planes yesterday.

Nine bombs were dropped, but failed to hit the Chinese barracks.

CASUALTIES MOUNT

Although the exact figures are not yet available, the official estimate of the casualties of yesterday's air-raids, is stated to be over 500 killed and wounded.

Red Cross workers and the police are still digging in the debris for victims.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

WAICHOW LOSSES

Waichow, To-day.

It is estimated that about forty private houses were destroyed and over hundred civilian casualties were inflicted by Japanese air bombing yesterday.—*Hua Nan*.

MACAO SHOOTING OUTRAGE

Canton, To-day.

A shooting outrage occurred in the streets of Macao last night, when about 9 p.m. the proprietor of the Wong Chun-kee Firm was fatally shot by an unknown assailant, who has not yet been apprehended, according to a report from the Portuguese Colony.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

the administration of the Customs in China and in course of replies referred to instructions sent to the British Ambassador at Tokyo.—*British Wireless*.

CHINESE NOW TAKING OFFENSIVE

Shanghai, To-day.

Severe fighting is continuing along the entire front following launching of a counter-offensive by the Chinese forces, according to Chinese reports.

The attack was ordered after the arrival of strong reinforcements and consolidation of the Chinese lines.

Chinese reports claim that the Japanese forces threatening Wusih were forced to yield ground, while furious street fighting is taking place at Wushing, with the Chinese lines strengthened and their previously flagging morale restored.—*Reuter*.

BID TO KEEP WAR FROM HANGCHOW

Hangchow, To-day.

An appeal to the interested authorities to exclude Hangchow from the area of hostilities, is being made by a group of foreigners and Chinese here.

Representatives of foreign residents and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce who are interested in preserving this important and famous city of culture and beauty, are requesting the British, American and French governments to appeal to the opposing forces that the city be spared aerial and military bombardment, fighting and incineration.

About 15 Britons, five Americans and nine French remain in Hangchow.—*Reuter*.

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THE CURIOUS ATTITUDE

Japanese Envoy's Celebration Of Pact Signing

Berlin, To-day.

STRONG forces of police kept large crowds at a respectable distance from the Japanese Embassy last night on the occasion of the dinner given by the Japanese Ambassador in commemoration of the first anniversary of the Germano-Japanese Anti-Comintern Pact.

Principal guests were Herr Hitler, the Italian Ambassador, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop (German Ambassador in London), Field-Marshal Werner von Blomberg (Defence Minister), General Hermann Goering, General von Fritsch (Commander-in-chief of the army), and Admiral Raeder (Naval commander-in-chief).

The only outward demonstration of the commemoration of the signing of the Pact will be speeches by the Propaganda Minister, Dr. Joseph Goebbels, and Mr. Nagai, the Japanese Minister of Communications, over all German and Japanese radio stations from 12.30 to 1 p.m. to-day.

ORDERS CONFERRED

Herr Hitler has conferred the Order of Merit of the German Eagle on several Japanese officials who helped to prepare the Pact.

The Japanese Emperor has similarly conferred Japanese Orders on German officials.—Reuter.

SCHACHT CURIOUSITY

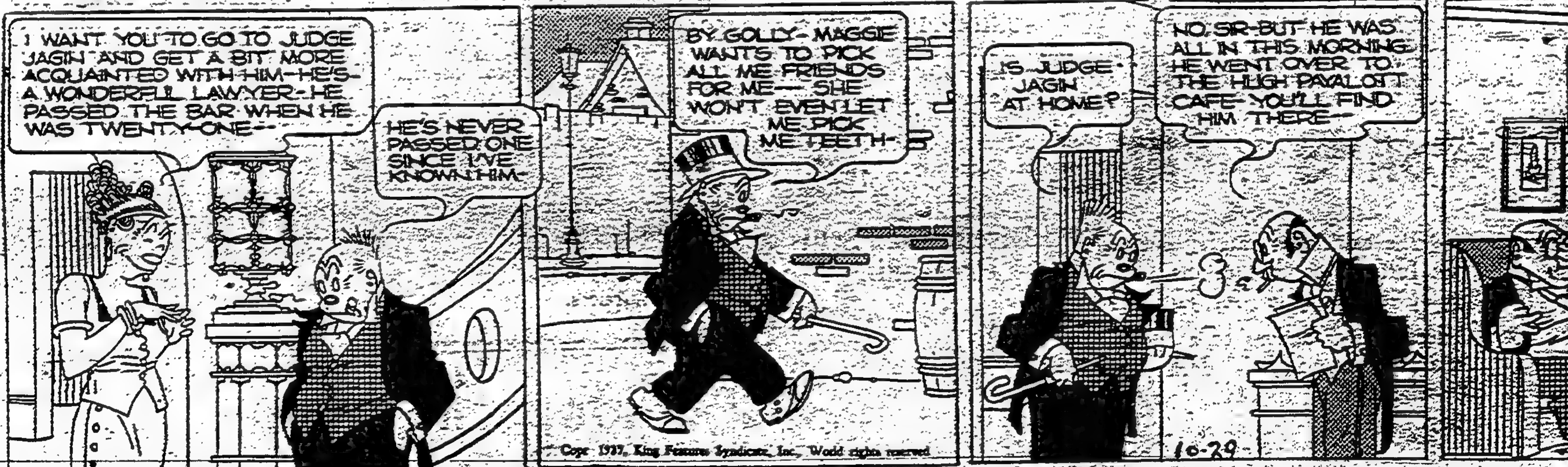
Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, the Economics Minister, was not invited, and also declined to attend a luncheon the Japanese Ambassador is giving to-day to other Ministers of the Reich and leading Nazi Party members.

At left.

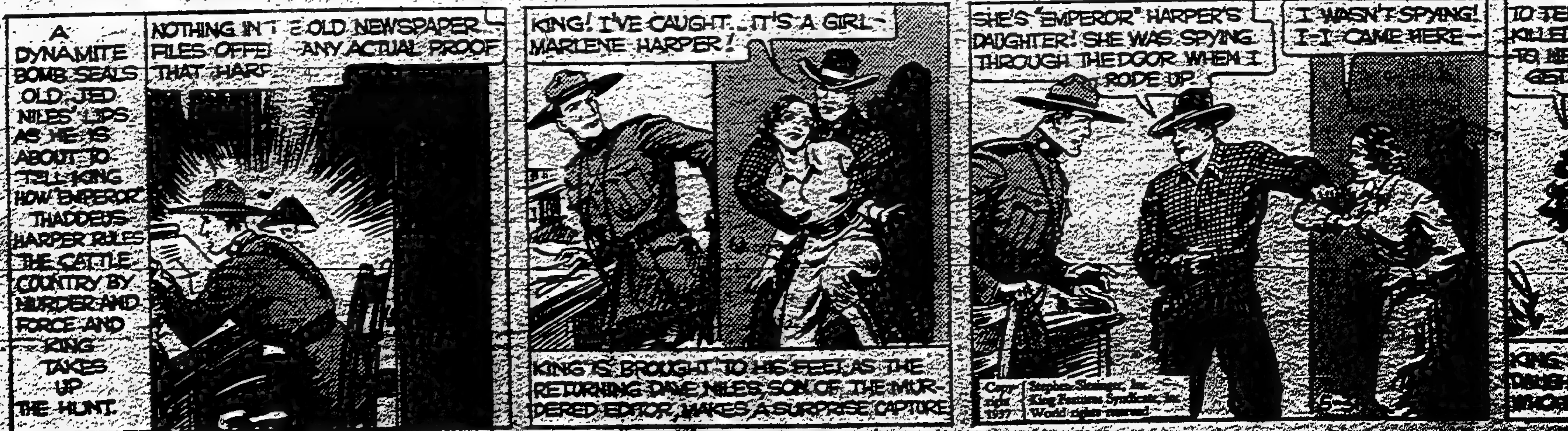
Realistic anti-gas training is now being carried out by Corporation officials at Preston. The Council aims to have key-men in all municipal departments, capable of protecting essential communal services in the event of an air-raid. The training is very thorough and includes anti-gas measures, fire fighting and first-aid. Photo shows the rescue squad carrying off "victims" of an air-raid. (Fox Copyright).

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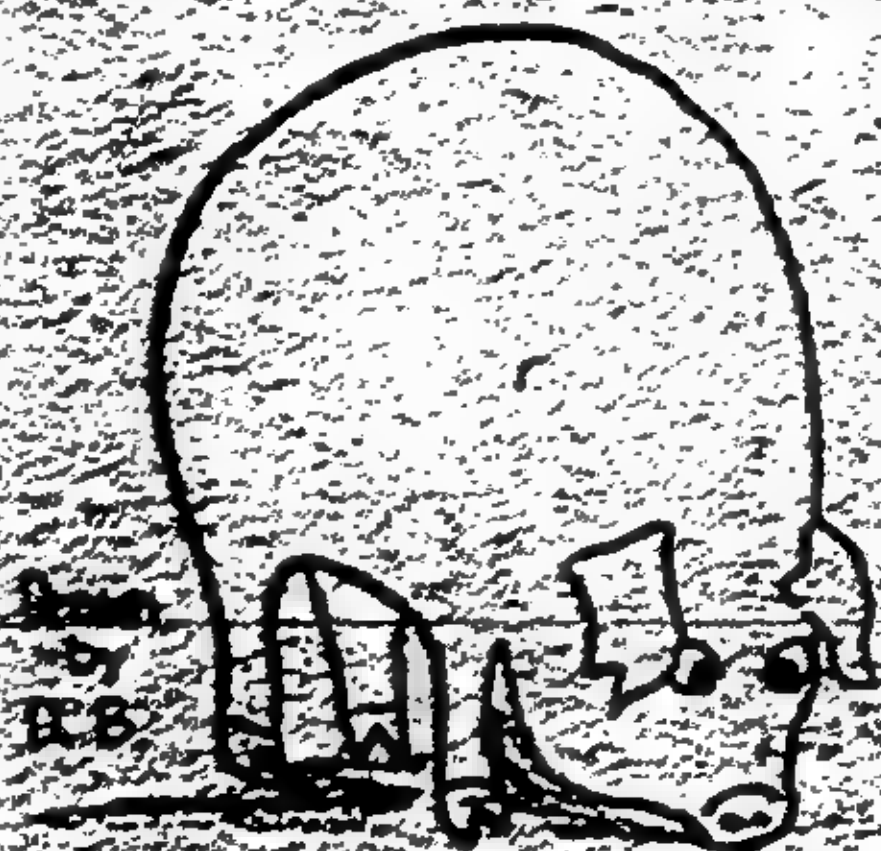
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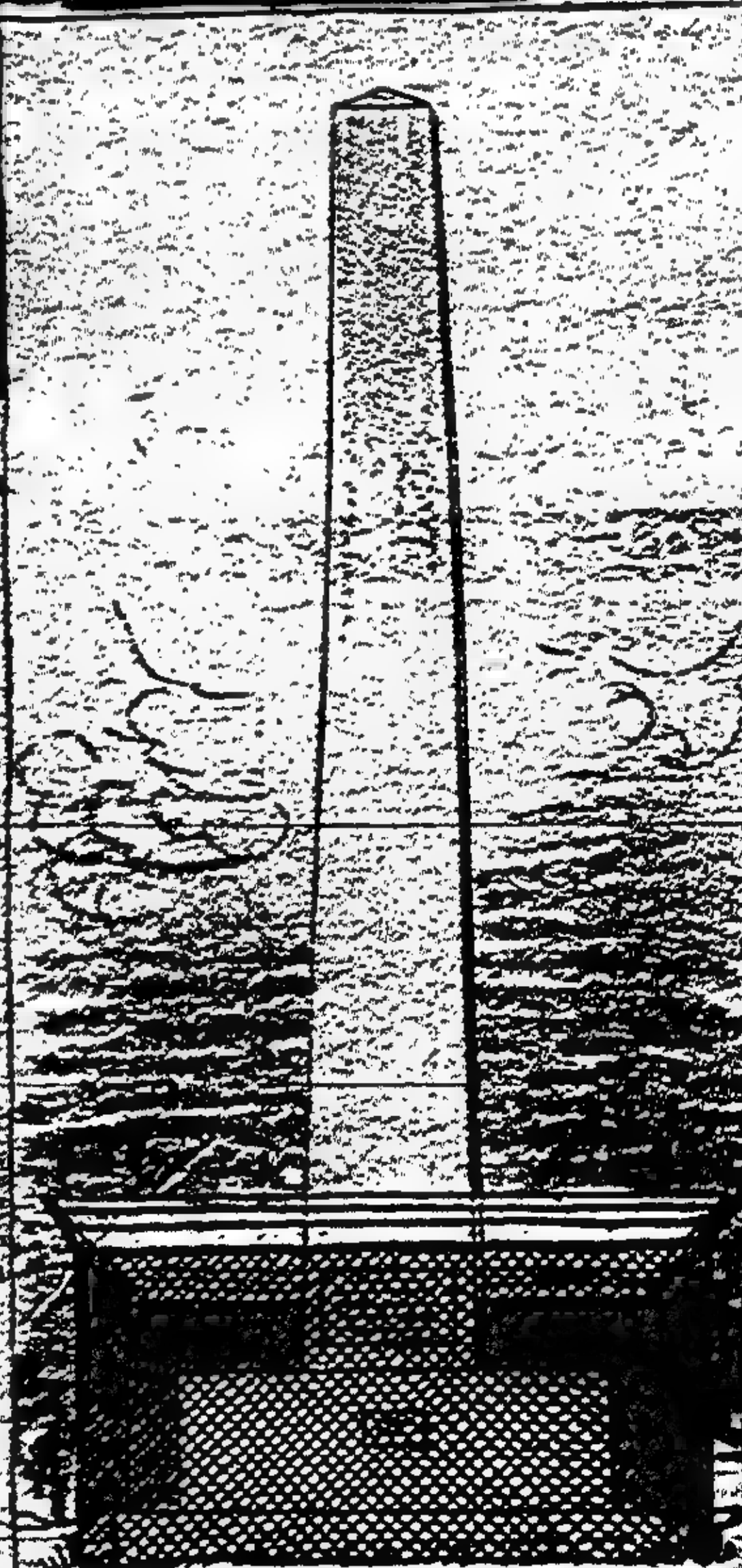


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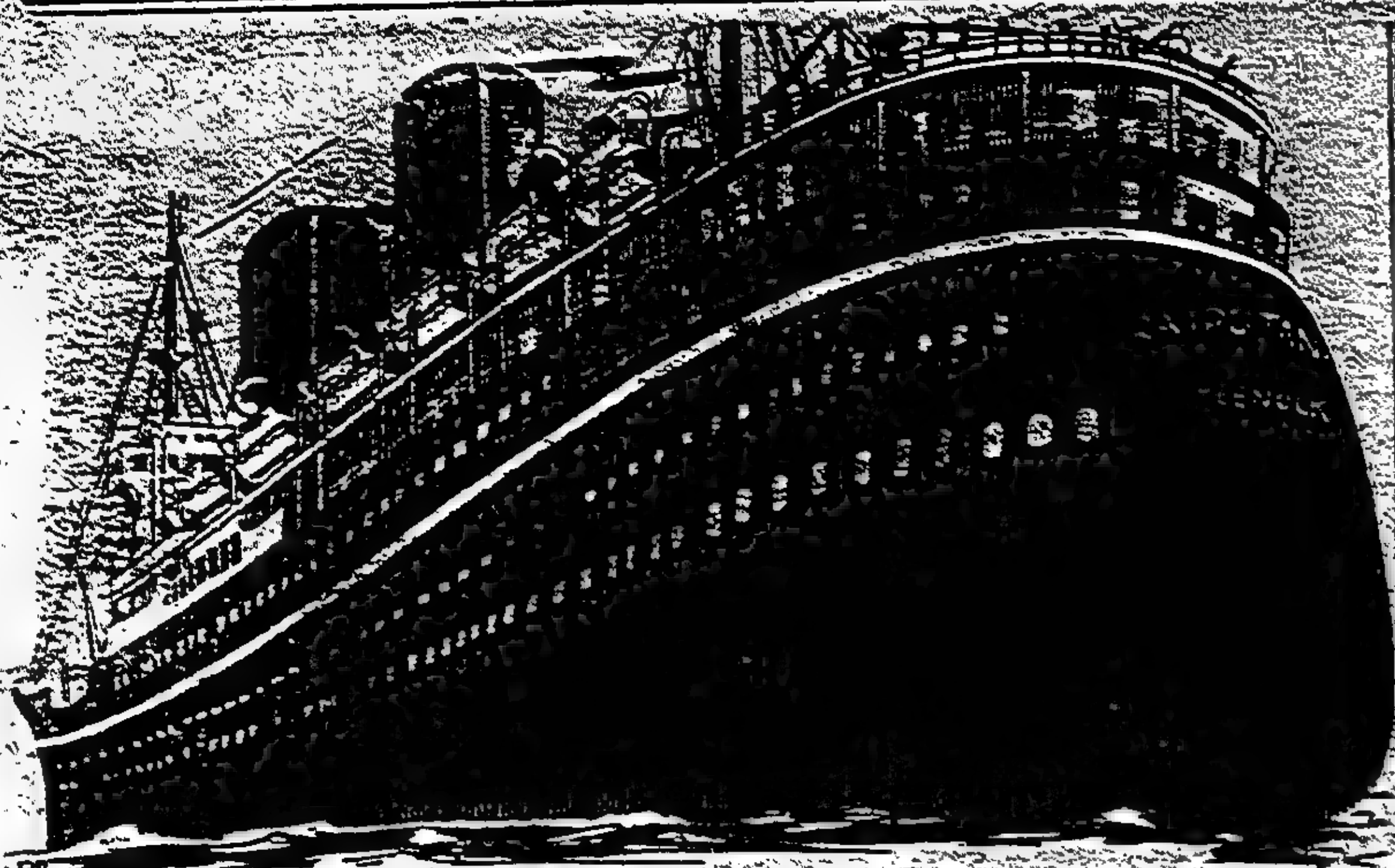


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Shanghai and Japan	Jean Laborde	Fri., Nov. 26, 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane		Fri., Nov. 26, 1.30 p.m.
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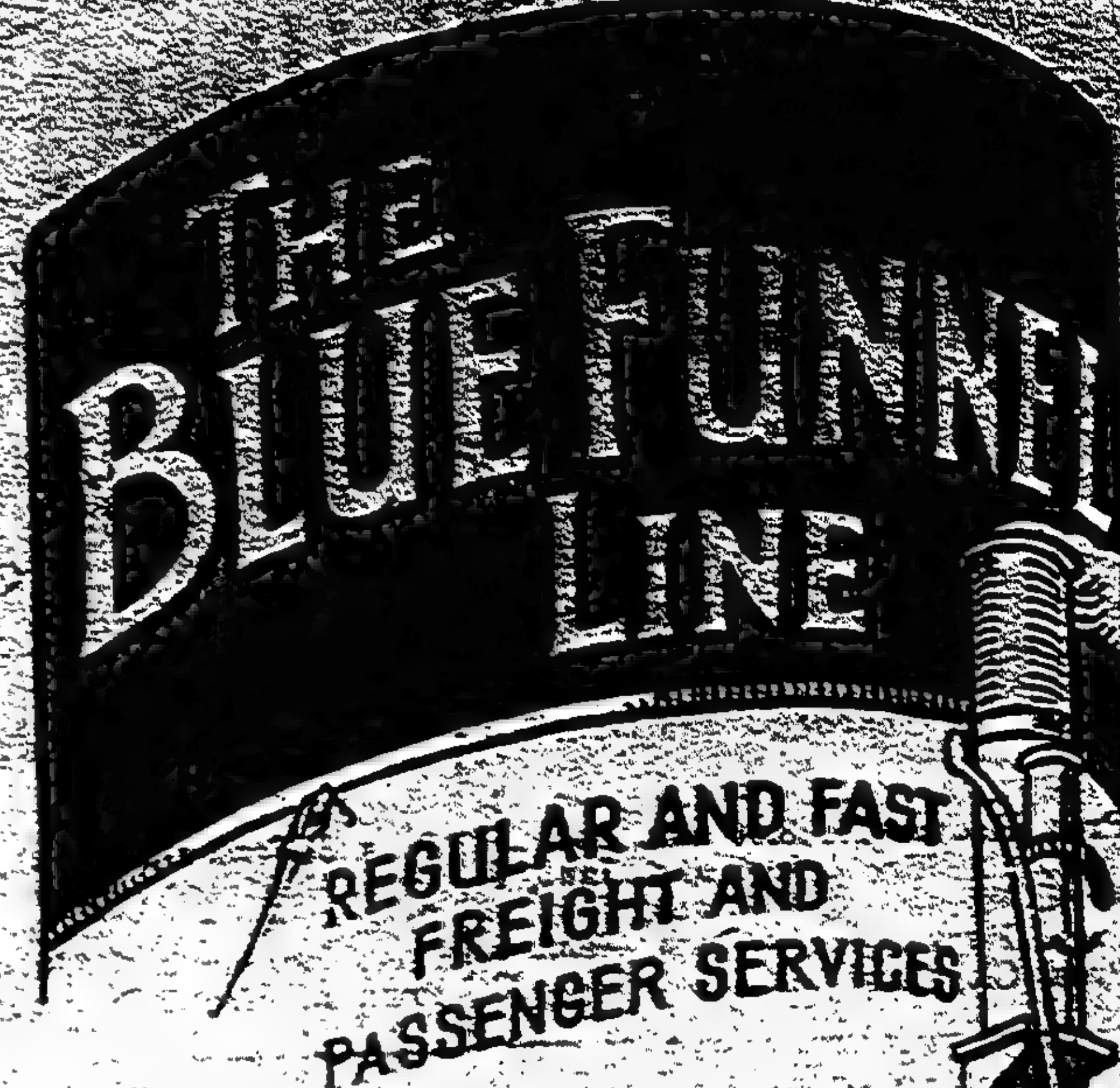
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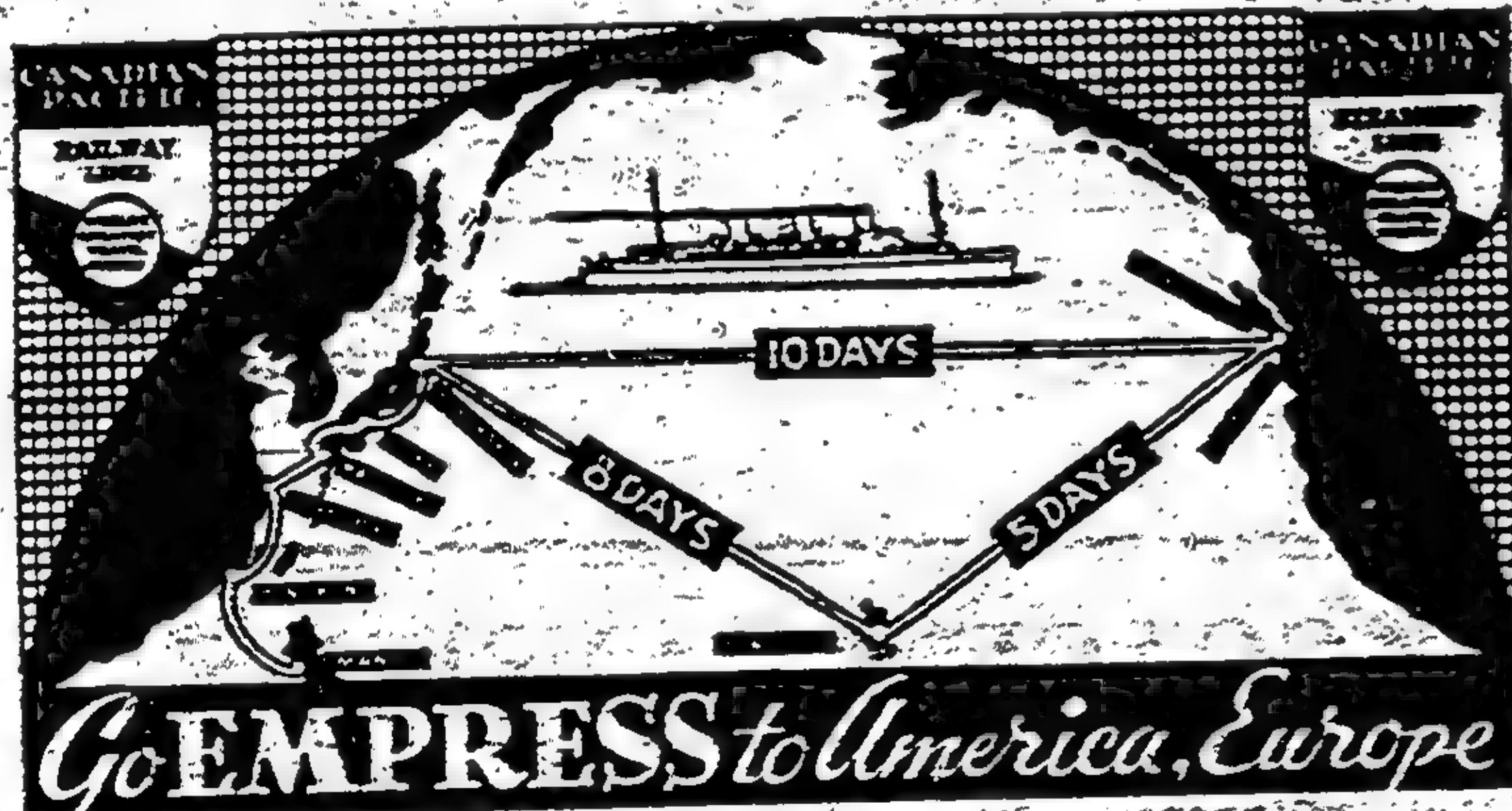
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Tsinanfu, To-day.

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The Japanese withdrawal is stated to be due to the activities of Chinese guerillas along the Tientsin-Pukow Line, which were endangering the safety of the Japanese forces, by severing their communications on numerous occasions.—Our Own Correspondent.

SOUTH AFRICA'S RAILWAY ORDERS

Capetown, To-day.

The South African Railways have concluded contracts with Germany and Britain for the supply of railway materials.

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Shooting Party At Sandringham

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Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Jan/March 23-3/4 b. Up 3/8

April/June 24 b. Up 3/8

July/Sept. 24-1/4 b. Up 3/8

Market: Dull.

FORD STRIKE AT ST. LOUIS FACTORY

St. Louis, To-day.

The United Automobile Workers Union members at the Ford assembly plant here went out on strike yesterday morning alleging that the company had discriminated against Union members.

After a demonstration of 1,200 men, who stoned cars bringing workers to the factory, 150 pickets were posted at the factory gates.

The police stopped the disturbances after the arrest of several pickets.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning—

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$270 b.

SHIPPING

H. K. Steamboats \$9 s.

Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$51 b.

Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$48 b.

DECKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H. K. and W. Docks \$28 1/2 b.

Providents (Old) \$215 b.

Providents (New) \$35 cts. s. 35 cts.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$515 b. 5 1/4 s.

H. K. Lands \$32 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$13.40 b.

China Lights (Old) \$11.60 b.

China Lights (New) \$11.35 b.

H. K. Electrics \$55 1/2 b.

Macao Electrics \$19 b.

Telephones (Old) \$26 1/2 b.

Telephones (New) \$9.20 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$12.20 b.

STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms \$24.30 b.

Watsons \$4 1/4 s.

MISCELLANEOUS

Constructions (New) \$1 b.

H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% p.m.s.

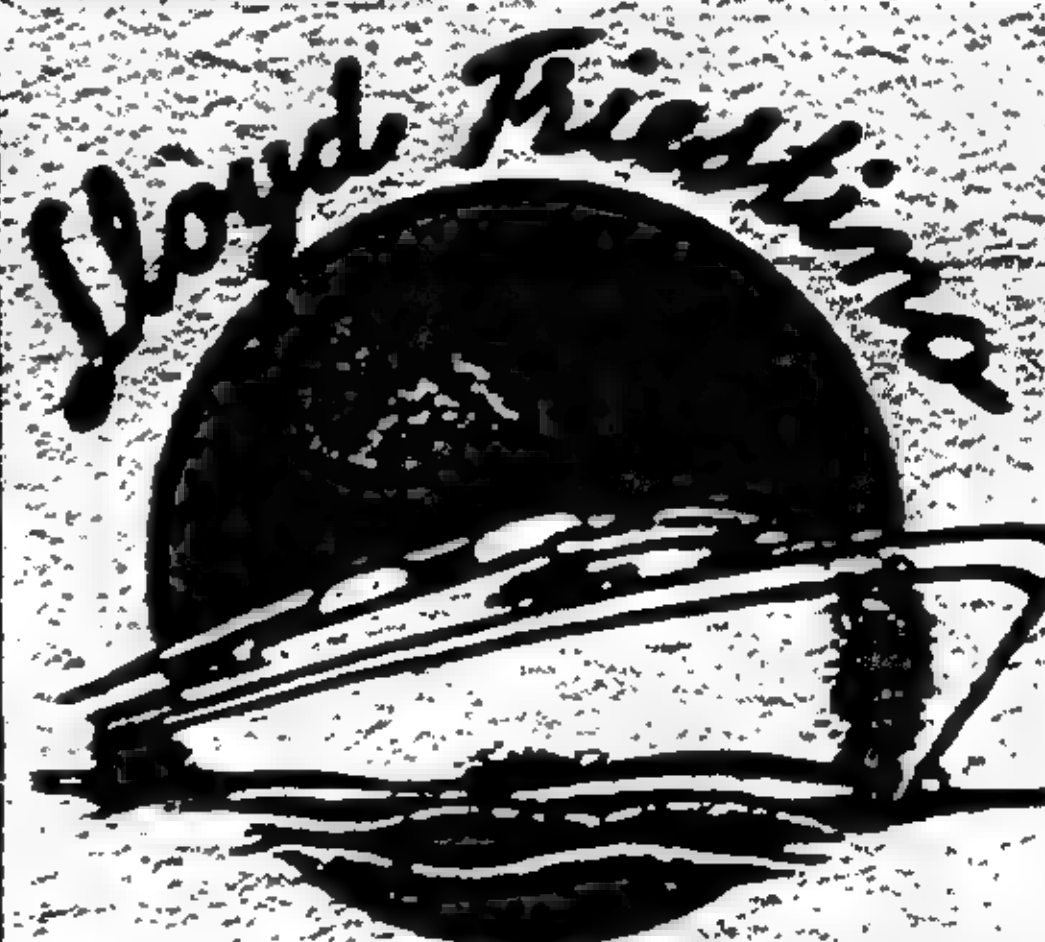
Wallace Harpers \$5 s.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-21/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 19 1/2% and "forward" at 19 1/2%.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$-US\$4.9992 and the New York on London rate at \$-US\$4.99-13/16.



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MIDDLESEX AND POLICE SHARE THE SPOILS

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE CLASH MANNING SHINES IN GOAL

(By UBIQUE)

A sterling display by their defence, especially Manning in goal, in the second half, enabled the Police to share the spoils in a goalless draw with the Middlesex Regiment in their postponed First Division League football encounter on the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday.

The Middlesex were slightly the better team, and had the Police on the defence for the greater part of the second half, during which they peppered the Police goal, Manning bringing off some very good saves, though he was very nearly beaten on two occasions.

Bone was also prominent in the Police defence and partnered by G. Pile, at back, was the greatest stumbling block to the Middlesex attack. His kicking was good and his positioning left nothing to be desired. Pile played an improved game and covered Britain, his left half, well, so that the two had a good hold on Freshwater and Grogan, though in the later stages of the game, Britain gave his winger a little more rope than in the first half.

BRILLIANT HALVES

Gough and North were brilliant with their interception. The former kept a constant watch on Pearson, who could not do any damage.

Howlett, as usual, was the life of the Police attack. He was forced to accomplish much individual work in the early stages owing to the poor support given him by Morrison and Taylor.

Johnson was always a source of danger, at centre-forward, but his breakways down the centre of the field usually found no support. He had extremely bad luck when he hit the upright from close quarters, in the first half, and when his shot was saved, on the goal line by Hartley, after he had beaten both backs.

WINGERS MEDIOCRE

Neither Taylor nor Willerton the wingers, played well in the first half, but in the second period both sent over some good centres. Willerton just failed with a centre from Taylor in the closing minutes of the game.

The Middlesex forwards were more methodical in their attack and swung the ball about to their wingers. Pearson did not have the best of luck. He was being continually watched by Gough, but in spite of this went very near to scoring on several occasions. His head work was good and several attempts just missed their objective.

Bright, in the pivotal position, plied his forward with good passes and was always assisting them in their attacks. He had hard task in watching Howlett.

Police: Manning, Bone and Pile; North, Gough and Britain; Willerton, Morrison, Johnson, Howlett and Taylor.

Middlesex: Hartley, Sheehan and Watson; Courtney, Bright and Wilkinson; Freshwater, Grogan, Pearson, Saw and Britton.

D.B.S. EASILY DEFEAT THE SHAREBROKERS

Friendly Cricket Encounter

The Diocesan Boys' School easily accounted for the Sharebrokers in their cricket encounter played at the I.R.C. Sookunpoo, yesterday, when they won by nine wickets, skittling out their opponents for 51.

F. J. Lay was top-scorer and contributed an undefeated 55 towards the Schools' total of 116 for one wicket.

Sharebrokers: 51 (C. A. L. Bicketts 9, J. A. Fisher 7, G. Lee 7; C. B. R. Sargent 3 for 20; J. Fisher 3 for 8).

D.B.S.: 116 (F. J. Lay 55 not out, D. Cray 34 not out).

BADMINTON MISUNDERSTANDING LAST NIGHT

Recreio Juniors Fail To Turn Up

ST. JOHN'S WAIT FOR AN HOUR

(By "ACE")

A very annoying incident occurred in the "B" Division Badminton League last evening, when a number of spectators, who turned up to watch the scheduled game between St. John's and Club de Recreio, were not only kept waiting over an hour, but were also disappointed, the game being postponed at the last moment owing to misunderstanding by the Portuguese players.

St. John's players turned up at St. John's Cathedral Hall at six o'clock, the scheduled time for their home matches, but after "knocking about" on the court for almost an hour there was still no sign of their visitors.

Eventually, at seven o'clock A. J. Bennett, St. John's captain, communicated through the telephone with M. A. Oliveira, Recreio's senior team Captain, and learned from him that Recreio's junior team were under the impression that the match was scheduled to be played at 8 p.m.

However, St. John's players having other engagements elsewhere at that hour, consented to the game being postponed.

WELL-INFORMED

All League badminton clubs have been informed through the press of the times at which the various clubs were prepared to play off their home matches, and it was also arranged that should the time be unsuitable at any period, the clubs concerned should get in touch with each other and re-arrange the time.

Recreio, however, made no attempt to inform St. John's that they would not be able to turn up at 6 p.m. although they had an opportunity to do so.

It is not known yet whether St. John's intend to claim the points, but they are justified should they decide to do so.

MCAVOY-LEWIS TITLE FIGHT OFF

NEGRO'S DEMAND FOR EXPENSES TOO "EXCESSIVE"

ENGLISHMAN BEST AS CRUISERWEIGHT

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, October 26.

THE projected fight at Wembley at the end of November between John Henry Lewis, world's light-heavy-weight champion, and Jock McAvoy, British middle-weight and light-heavy-weight champion, is officially "off." Lewis was to have defended his world's title against McAvoy, for the last time before entering the heavy-weight class, but negotiations between Wembley and Lewis' manager broke down yesterday.

"THE PURSE LEWIS WAS TO RECEIVE WAS AGREED," SAID MR. ELVIN LAST NIGHT, "BUT THE DEMAND FOR EXPENSES FOR HIS PARTY WAS, IN MY OPINION, EXCESSIVE, AND I HAD TO DECLINE TO GIVE WAY. POSSIBLY THE AMERICANS WILL CHANGE THEIR MINDS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING I HAVE HAD TO WIPE THE FIGHT OFF MY PROGRAMME."

The purse to have been received by Lewis, I understand, was \$8,000. Lewis desired to bring his manager, trainer and two sparring partners, and it was suggested that still others might come as well at the expense of the promoter.

It is not improbable that the Lewis party will now decide to accept the terms offered. Lewis himself, badly beaten recently, cannot command big purses in his own country, and the \$6,000 he received for fighting Len Harvey on his last visit was the best he had ever had.

BEST AS CRUISER-WEIGHT

Despite the poor boxing of McAvoy at Manchester on Monday night, when he successfully defended his middle-weight title against Jack Hyams, of London, a Lewis-McAvoy fight would be the event of the London boxing season.

As a light-heavy-weight McAvoy is at his best. He fought brilliantly against Lewis in America 18 months ago, though outpointed, and was first class, in speed and punching power, when beating Eddie Phillips a few months ago.

IMPRACTICABLE

McAvoy's London agent yesterday issued a challenge to Tommy Farr for a fight with a stake of \$1,000. Such a match is, of course, impracticable, even if it were desirable, since Farr has stated that he wants something like \$10,000 to box.

Hyams is anxious to fight McAvoy again. True, he was unfortunate in sustaining an eye injury on Monday which ruined any chance he might have had; but I do not think promoters will be anxious to stage another fight after the disappointing affair at Belle Vue.

WIN FOR LEICESTER AT RUGBY

Two County Matches Featured

London, To-day.

Two Rugby Union County Championships matches were held yesterday when Leicestershire beat the North Midlands at Birmingham by points to 3. — Reuter

OBOLENSKY RECOVERS HIS FORM

Shines In Oxford Rugby Trial

In Oxford University's final Rugby trial the Probables, with three Blues in the three-quarter line, won by two goals and four tries (22 points) to two tries (6 points).

The Probables scored 19 of their points in the first half, but changes at the interval levelled up the teams. The feature of the game was the speed of Obolensky and Percy, both playing on the right wings on opposite sides.

Obolensky seems to have recovered the form which brought him fame two seasons ago, and he raced through for one try from well inside his own half. Percy was almost as speedy, and it will be interesting to see if Oxford put him on the left wing.

There was not much to choose between the rival scrum halves, Campbell and Thomas, but Bourne gave a very clean and even display at stand-off, and often got his three-quarters moving smoothly. This Cheltenham freshman is undoubtedly a player with a big future.

Among the forwards Pollok-Morris, tried on both sides, excelled as a hooker and other good forwards were Coles, Almond, Pennington, Phillips and Mayhew.

16 points to 12, while at Richmond, Surrey beat the Eastern Counties by 14 points to 10.

Two senior friendly matches were also held, Devon trouncing the Royal Navy at Torquay by 21 points to nil, while Cambridge University performed likewise against the Watsonians, winning by 18 points to 3. — Reuter

NUMBERING OF SOCCER PLAYERS

MISTAKES WHICH COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED EVEN SOCCER SCRIBES WERE OFTEN WRONG SOME INTERESTING EXAMPLES

(By "OLD HAND")

Glasgow, October 16.

IT is a commentary on the bloodlessness of Soccer football at the moment that an English announcement about numbering of players in international matches has given rise to almost unlimited discussion in the sporting columns of the Press. When a comparatively mild topic of this nature can engender heat—simulated or otherwise—in the breasts of the "scribes," it can be taken for granted that there are few other topics of live interest to hand.

The fact is that few football writers have got to the root of the question—and that is simply whether the numbering of players is to be of any aid to followers of the game when international matches are staged. In my opinion it will be. Writers who allege that "it is quite unnecessary" base their statement on the fact that most players of international calibre, even in England, are known to them, or that at least those writers have each player marked down for identification soon after the game starts.

It is perfectly true that most expert football writers can pick out each man in a very few minutes of scrutiny. But then, that's their job, and they are accustomed to the task. They go to the match looking for players with certain characteristics, say fair hair, or shock hair, or red hair—something they have learned about from descriptions published in the papers of the country from which the visiting players hail. And very seldom does the expert make a mistake when a visitor scores, even in a scrambling movement near goal.

MISTAKES HAVE BEEN MADE

Yet such mistakes have been made—serious mistakes too. I can recall an international match at Wembley when at least fifty per cent. of the critics swore that a certain Scot had scored. One of the leading English writers was among those who made the mistake. To convince himself he visited the Scots dressingroom. Had he asked, "Who scored the goal?" he would have learned his mistake. He didn't.

He walked to a player who was certainly the man who had scored but who wasn't the man named by the critic in his report. "Did you score?" asked the writer. "Yes," was the reply. The writer chuckled. Had he asked the player's name he would have discovered his mistake. But he took it for granted that he knew the player by head-mark. Actually, he didn't. Had the players been numbered there would have been no room for doubt or necessity for inquiry.

THE "HANDSHAKE"

Surely most football writers have had occasion to wait till the inevitable handshake in order to identify the man who put the ball in the net for a score. But even handshakes may be misleading. On several occasions I have seen Jimmy McGrory, for example, wave away the intending "shakers" and himself dash to a winger or inside

man who had "made" the goal and congratulate him on the leading up work. One could be excused for thinking that the other fellow, and not McGrory, had got the goal.

This matter of mistakes brings several recollections to my mind. Once, at Stark's Park, where Raith Rovers and Celtic were in opposition, two Glasgow writer friends of mine made a serious blunder. Celtic dominated the game, and at five minutes to go were leading by one goal. To all appearances the game was over. My Glasgow friends decided that they'd make a quick get-away, leave before the crowd blocked the bottle-neck exit, and "phone their verdict" and the result to their respective papers and catch a convenient train.

A LATE GOAL

In the very last minute of the game "Toky" Duncan, in Celtic's penalty area, armed a ball, travelled on a little, and scored. The goal was allowed by the referee; Raith had equalised.

When I arrived at Kirkcaldy Post Office my friends had finished their phoning and were about to leave for the station. I said, "Did you get that last goal—Raith's?" The pair were dumbfounded. Right away they connected with their offices in Glasgow. But the damage had been done. The verdict, giving Celtic credit for a good victory and giving the result as 1-0, was published in many thousands of newspapers.

K.E.G.C. LAWN BOWLS CLOSING DAY

The closing day and presentation of lawn bowls prizes of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be held on Saturday, November 27. Bowls and tennis will be played during the afternoon, commencing at 2 p.m. The presentation of prizes will take place at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be served by the ladies.

JOHN HENRY LEWIS TO HAVE OPERATION

Unlikely To Fight McAvoy

Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania), October 23.

Jack McAvoy, the British cruiser-weight champion, may not have his projected fight with John Henry Lewis for Lewis's world title after all. Lewis is to have an operation for nasal trouble, and it is unlikely that he will be able to fulfil his promise to defend his title against McAvoy at Wembley next month.

Last Friday Lewis was badly knocked about in his contest with the Cuban heavy-weight, Isidore Gastanaga, and subsequently a fight which had been arranged for him with Hank Hankinson, a Los Angeles heavy-weight, was cancelled. Lewis's contest with Arturo Godoy, the Chilean champion, arranged for October 28, has also been cancelled.

CLUB SECURE LATE TRY FOR RUGBY WIN

Small Ships Offer Resistance

A try gave Lammert in the last five minutes of the game, and converted by Oliphant, gave the Club "A" victory over the Small Ships, in a friendly Rugby encounter on the Club ground yesterday.

After a scoreless first half, Navy gained the lead early after the resumption when Morgan made valuable ground and sent Adams over for a try, but Marsh failed with the kick.

The game was a vigorous one throughout, and the sides were evenly matched. Close marking by the backs broke up most of the attacks. MacGrath gave a sound exhibition at back for the Club.

McHARDY WEDS AT HOME An Interport Custodian

The many friends of Sgt. William Stirton McHardy, the Police and Interport goalkeeper, will be glad to learn of his marriage in Dundee, on November 9, to Miss Edmunda (Mona) Kinnison Fenton, elder daughter of the late Mr. George Fenton and of Mrs. Anne E. Fenton.

According to a report published in the Dundee Courier, the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. George S. Fenton, and the Rev. Harry Andrew conducted the wedding service. The bridesmaids were Misses Christina Fenton, sister of the bride, and Effie McHardy, sister of the bridegroom. Mr. Jack Mander, Birmingham, was best man.

SAINTS' JUNIORS WIN

Play was rather one-sided on the Murray Parade ground yesterday when St. Andrew's Juniors beat Seaforth women a goal to nil. The Saints did most of the attacking but no goal was scored until 1-1 in the second half, when the ball was pushed between the posts during a scramble.

R.E.S. WYATT RELIEVED OF COUNTY CAPTAINCY

CRANMER TO LEAD WARWICK

THE COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT

London, October 26.

The differences between the Warwickshire County Cricket Club and R. E. S. Wyatt, captain of the club for eight years, came to a head yesterday when Wyatt was relieved of the captaincy and Peter Cranmer, the England Rugby international, was appointed in his place.

After a meeting of the general committee of the club, held at Birmingham yesterday, the following statement was issued:

On a report from the executive committee this recommendation was made and adopted:

That while appreciating the services of Mr. R. E. S. Wyatt as captain of the club for eight years, the executive committee, after careful consideration, unanimously decided to recommend in the best interests of the club a change be made in the captaincy and that Mr. Peter Cranmer be invited to accept the position for 1938.

Interviewed in Birmingham, Cranmer said he had accepted the invitation to captain the team. "I hope it will be all right," he added. "I shall serve the club to the best of my ability."

NO COMMENT FROM WYATT

Shortly after the conclusion of the meeting, Wyatt drove up in his car to the Chamber of Commerce Building, where the decision was made, and picked up one of the members of the committee.

Wyatt said that he was not prepared to comment on the decision. Asked when he would be likely to make a statement, he replied: "I cannot say. I do not know that I will at all."

Mr. R. V. Ryder, the Warwickshire secretary, also declined to make any comment on the change of leadership.

WOULD BE SORRY

Sir Charles Hyde, president of the club, said the committee would be very sorry if Wyatt found that he was unable to play for the county next season.

"There has never," he said, "been friction between the late captain and the committee, but it was felt that the team had got into a groove and a change was thought necessary."

"It is somewhat in the nature of an experiment to appoint Mr. Cranmer captain. He is a most popular figure on the football and cricket fields, and has captained the English Rugby team with success. He has a breezy personality and should 'ginger up' the Warwickshire club."

SURREY QUALIFICATION

As Wyatt possesses a birth qualification for Surrey and could play for them next season the question remains whether he will stay with Warwickshire.

Wyatt saw Mr. Leveson Gower, the Surrey president, last Friday. Interviewed yesterday Mr. Leveson Gower said: "Mr. Wyatt is a great friend of mine and often comes to see me. I know nothing about the rumours that he may join Surrey."

Peter Cranmer, a hard-hitting (Continued on Page 21)

**J. R. RICHARDSON
TRANSFERRED**

London, October 20.—J. R. Richardson, the Huddersfield Town inside-forward, was transferred back to his old club, Newcastle United yesterday. Richardson was picked for the recent international trial at Everton, when Stephenson, of Leeds United, had to cry off. Richardson, in his turn, had to decline the F. A. selectors' invitation owing to injury.

Richardson joined Newcastle from Blyth Spartans in 1927 and soon became a foremost player.

BLOW FOR CHESTERFIELD

An X-ray examination of Milburn's injured shoulder has revealed a dislocation and he will be unable to play for two or three weeks. The injury will necessitate the first change in the Chesterfield defence this season. Milburn was hurt against Bury.

He won a Cup Final medal in 1932, when he also played for England against Italy and Switzerland. He was transferred to Huddersfield in 1931, and has played regularly in the League team, besides being a reserve in representative matches.

**GATESHEAD WARNING
NOTICES**

As a result of incidents during the North-Eastern League match between Gateshead Reserves and Blyth Spartans, Gateshead F. C. have been ordered by the F. A. to post warning notices to the spectators.

ARSENAL SIGN CENTRE-HALF

Arsenal have signed H. Waller, a 20-year-old centre-half, from Ouston United, a Durham club.

**SOUTH AFRICAN FOR
LIVERPOOL**

London, October 19.—Liverpool added another South African to their staff yesterday, H. Van Der Berg, a 19-year-old ex-Public schoolboy, signed professional forms for them when he arrived at Southampton from Cape Town. Van Der Berg, a track sprinter, has the reputation of being a speedy outside left. In three seasons he scored 58 goals from the left wing position. Plymouth Argyle yesterday secured the transfer from Everton of W. Hullett, a 21-year-old centre-forward. Last season Hullett was loaned to New Brighton, for whom he scored eight goals in 13 matches.

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THIRD DIVISION NORTH	HOME					AWAY					Goals Pts.	Goals Pts.	T			
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W				L	D	F
Gateshead (21) IWwWd	16	8	6	0	2	17	8	14	8	4	2	2	12	11	10	2
Lincoln (2) dWwDd	16	8	6	1	1	25	5	13	8	3	1	4	10	7	10	2
Hull (5) wDwWl	16	7	5	9	2	18	7	12	9	2	3	4	7	11	8	2
Oldham (4) dWwWd	17	8	6	0	2	19	5	14	8	1	3	4	7	8	6	2
Doncaster (-) WIDWw	15	7	6	0	1	16	7	13	8	2	3	3	8	11	7	2
Chester (3) dDlD	16	9	4	1	4	15	12	12	7	2	2	3	5	11	7	1
Rotherham (17) WIDWd	16	9	5	1	3	17	9	13	7	3	4	0	13	15	6	1
Tranmere (19) DWwIW	15	9	6	1	2	21	8	14	7	2	4	1	5	5	5	1
Wrexham (8) IWwWl	16	8	6	1	1	14	4	13	8	1	5	2	13	27	4	1
N. Brighton (15) dWwLl	16	7	5	1	1	14	3	11	9	2	6	1	15	17	5	1
Port Vale (11) DIWHL	16	8	5	1	2	19	11	12	8	1	6	1	12	20	3	1
Rochdale (18) WdWlW	16	8	4	2	2	15	5	10	8	2	5	1	11	24	5	1
Bradford C. (-) WIWlW	16	8	5	0	3	19	11	13	8	1	7	0	8	20	2	1
York (12) LllWw	15	7	3	2	2	11	8	8	8	3	4	1	15	19	7	1
Crewe (20) IWwWl	16	8	3	3	2	8	6	8	8	3	5	0	9	14	6	1
Southport (15) WwLd	16	8	3	4	1	15	14	7	8	2	3	3	13	13	7	1
Carlisle (19) DIWlW	16	9	4	3	2	14	18	10	7	2	5	0	8	17	4	1
Halifax (7) IWwWw	16	9	5	4	0	11	11	10	7	1	4	2	9	14	6	1
Darlington (22) wLWl	16	9	4	4	1	16	16	9	7	1	5	1	7	10	3	1
Accrington (13) LllW	16	8	3	5	0	9	16	6	8	1	5	2	5	12	4	1
Huddersfield (6) dDlLl	14	8	3	4	2	11	12	6	8	0	7	1	12	21	1	1
Barnley (16) LllLl	16	7	2	4	1	6	10	5	8	0	3	1	4	15	1	1

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	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	Pl.						
Rangers (1) wDWwW	16	10	7	0	3	28	8	17	6	2	0	4	6	4	18	27						
Motherwell (4) wDWd	18	10	6	0	4	25	14	16	8	4	2	2	10	9	10	26						
Heart of (5) dwdWD	17	9	7	0	2	23	4	16	8	3	2	3	14	16	9	25						
Celtic (3) wWdL	17	9	7	0	2	32	10	18	8	2	3	3	11	14	7	23						
Dundee (9) WIDL	19	10	7	2	1	21	16	13	9	3	5	1	18	24	7	20						
Falkirk (7) lWwD	17	8	3	2	3	16	13	9	5	2	2	2	11	15	12	20						
Broxburn (14) dWdW	18	10	5	2	2	18	10	14	8	1	4	3	11	23	5	19						
Third Lanark (6) dWLDW	18	9	4	2	3	14	14	11	9	2	4	2	18	16	8	19						
Partick (12) WlWdD	17	8	5	2	1	19	10	17	9	2	4	3	11	24	7	18						
St. Johnstone (13) lWlWW	17	9	7	1	1	29	13	15	8	1	6	1	9	26	3	18						
Aberdeen (2) wDlw	18	9	5	2	2	18	9	12	9	2	6	1	12	20	5	17						
Ayr (C) DDLwD	17	9	3	1	5	6	15	11	8	2	5	1	8	24	5	16						
Hamilton (8) dLdWl	18	10	4	5	1	7	18	9	8	2	4	2	21	41	6	15						
St. Mirren (16) dLlL	16	7	5	1	1	15	8	11	9	1	6	2	8	23	4	15						
Queen's Park (15) wDWl	17	9	8	2	4	17	15	10	8	1	5	2	14	24	4	14						
Green's O's (18) dAdDl	18	8	1	3	4	5	13	6	10	1	3	6	16	18	8	14						
Hibernian (17) lWdW	17	8	4	1	3	26	9	11	9	0	7	2	8	21	2	13						
Clyde (10) dAdWW	17	9	3	2	4	19	15	10	8	0	5	3	11	23	3	13						
Kilmarnock (11) LdlDl	17	8	3	4	1	11	16	7	9	1	5	3	13	24	5	12						
Morton (C) lLlL	17	9	2	6	1	23	29	5	8	1	7	0	10	27	2	7						

R. E. S. WYATT RELIEVED OF COUNTY CAPTAINCY

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batman and excellent fielder, has often assisted Warwickshire, and in the absence of Wyatt, he has acted

as captain. He gained his knighthood in 1933. Since 1934 he has been a regular choice for England.

ST. ANDREW'S NO MATCH FOR KOWLOON TONG

Kirby And Dawson
Best Losers

LEE AND KO SHOW PROMISE

(By "ADREM")

Apart from two games last night, St. Andrew's Club proved no match for the Kowloon Tong Club in the "B" Division of the Badminton League, and were defeated by the maximum margin.

Easily the best pair for the losers was L. E. Kirby and J. P. Dawson, who played extremely well, especially in the second game against Mackay and A. Chan which they "set" and took a lead at this stage of 3-0 which, however, they were unable to force home.

Kirby just recovering from a severe attack of influenza, after a tentative opening, played a fine game featured by nicely disguised cross drops and useful overhead work. Dawson gave him every support.

Broadbridge Unimaginative Individually Stokes and Broadbridge both showed a knowledge of the game but they did not combine as well as they might have done. Broadbridge played an entirely unimaginative manner, maintaining a short net attack throughout with but little variation. Stokes will improve with practice.

Darby and Knox were very weak in their first two games but in their final effort against Lo and Allam, gave a fine performance to lead at several crucial stages. Both these players show signs of things to come and with a little coaching in courtcraft, should develop into really good players. They have all the natural attributes.

Promising Combination One always felt that the home pairings were working at half-strength and their only feature of interest was the first appearance of R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko as a combination. They were distinctly impressive and, I venture the opinion, will soon rank as one of the most powerful combinations in the Junior League.

Scores:—

Peter Lo and P. B. Allam (K. Tong).	21-12
beat L. E. Kirby and J. P. Dawson	21-12
beat F. H. Stokes and S. A. Broadbridge	21-12
beat W. T. Knox and H. R. Darby	21-12
by N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan (K. Tong).	24-22
beat Kirby and Dawson	21-9
beat Stokes and Broadbridge	21-9

VELVET CUSHION FAVOURITE IN NOV. HANDICAP

London, Today.

The latest call-over for the Manchester November Handicap, to be run on Nov. 27 is as follows:

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100 to 1 8 Babboos taken and offered.	100 to 1
100 to 1 Nectar II offered, 100 to 6 taken.	100 to 1
100 to 1 6 Severino, Mickey Mouse and Jonker, taken and offered.	100 to 1
100 to 1 6 Madeira Knight offered, 18 to 1 taken.	20 to 1
20 to 1 Coup de Roi.	22 to 1
22 to 1 Rawana.	25 to 1
25 to 1 1 Solid and Stainless Stephen, taken and offered.	25 to 1
25 to 1 1 Solarium offered, 28 to 1 taken.	25 to 1
25 to 1 1 Petit Bleu offered, 30 to 1 taken.	25 to 1
25 to 1 1 Quassan offered, 33 to 1 taken.	

—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS MEETING AT KWANTI FANLING RACE PROGRAMME

The following is the programme for the Christmas Meeting of The Fanling Hunt and Race Club, to be held on December 19:

2.30 p.m.—"The Canberra Handicap"—1½ Miles. A steeplechase for Australian ponies. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.	
"The Ambulance Cup"—1¼ miles. A hurdle race for China ponies. Weight 163 lbs. Winners of a hurdle race last season 5 lbs. penalty. Winners of a steeplechase last season barred. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.	
"The Taiipo Handicap"—1½ Miles. A steeplechase for China Ponies. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.	
"The December Country Cup"—Over the Country Course, finishing on the Race Course. For China ponies. Winners of a hurdle race or steeplechase last season barred. Catchweight 168 lbs. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.	
"The Ladies' Scour"—½ Mile. For China Ponies. Weight 150 lbs. Ponies that have started at this meeting 10 lbs. allowance. Winners of a steeplechase last season and winners at this meeting barred. To be ridden by ladies. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.	

Entries close to the Secretaries, Messrs. Thomson and Co., Chartered Accountants, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, at noon on Thursday, December 9, 1937.

beat Knox and Darby	21-5
beat R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (K. Tong).	21-9
beat Kirby and Dawson	21-9
beat Stokes and Broadbridge	21-4
beat Knox and Darby	21-2

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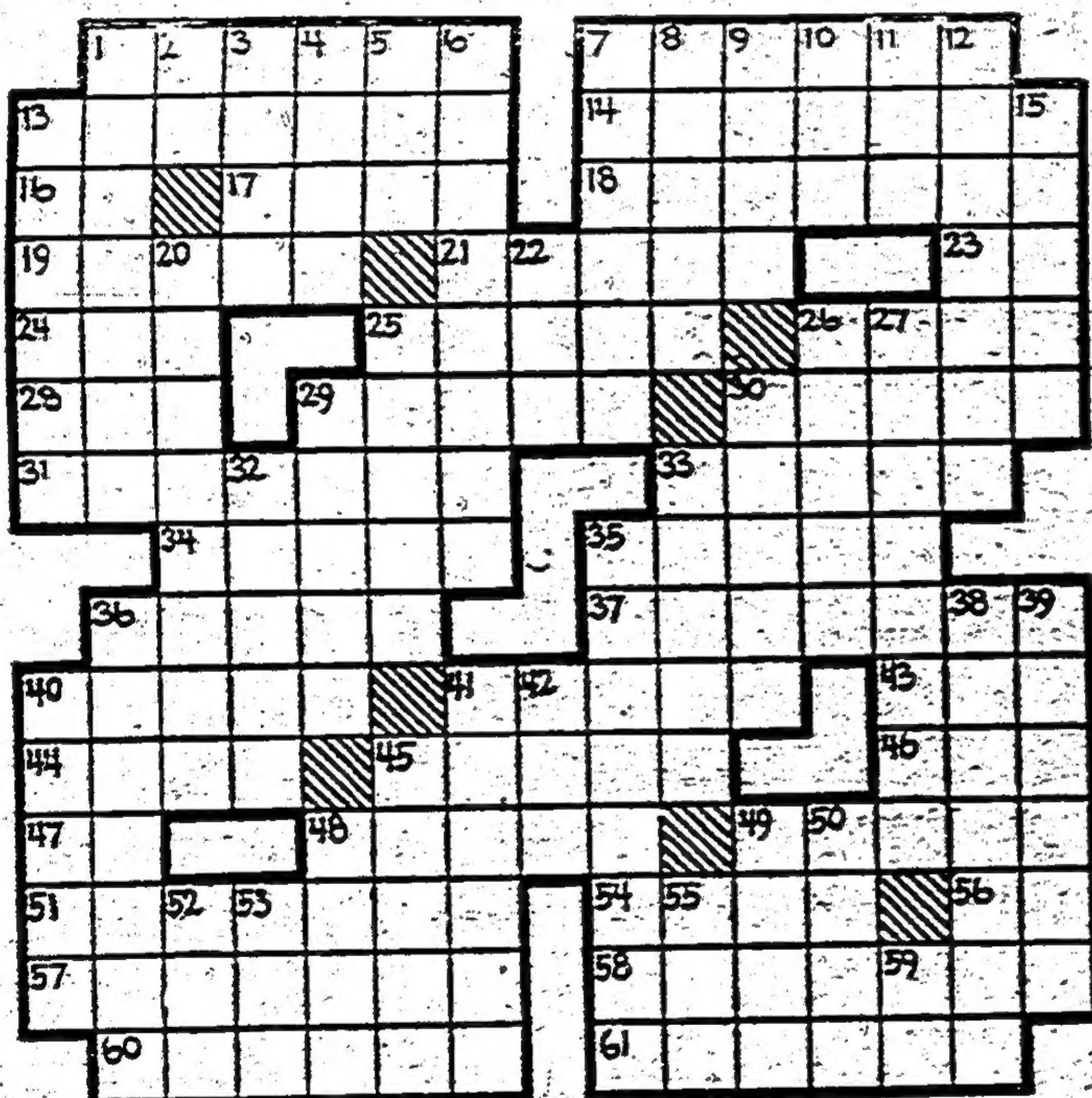
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Scatter
- 7-Slopes
- 13-Sentimental lover
- 14-Marked with lines
- 16-Father
- 17-Fatigue
- 12-A whole
- 19-Made a mistake
- 21-Rescues
- 23-West Australia (abbr.)
- 24-Greek letter
- 25-Prussian city
- 26-Statute (abbr.)
- 22-To restrain
- 29-Soil
- 30-Combining form. Beast
- 31-Soft-soled shoe
- 33-Start of life
- 34-Bodily joint (pl.)
- 35-Tribe of American Indians
- 36-Metric measure of capacity
- 37-Harvesting machines
- 40-Longs wearily for
- 41-Faith
- 43-Lick up
- 44-Privation

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45-Beseech
- 46-First woman
- 47-Indefinite article
- 48-Tumults
- 49-Greenish finch
- 51-Indian houses
- 54-Discharge
- 56-No date (abbr.)
- 57-Perfume
- 58-Revolves
- 60-Dug over
- 61-Incantations

VERTICAL

- 1-Native of Sparta
- 2-Italian river
- 3-Repetition of words as a means of learning
- 4-Girl's name
- 5-Combining form. Air
- 6-Dish cupboards
- 7-Splinter
- 8-Fabric made from flax
- 9-An insect (pl.)
- 10-Born
- 11-A game

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Ship's petty officer
- 13-Moves rapidly
- 15-Muse of lyric poetry (Class. Myth)
- 20-A baking dish (pl.)
- 22-Man's name
- 25-Turkish official
- 26-Wool-bearing animal
- 27-Machine for dressing cloth
- 29-Snow-runners
- 30-Walk on
- 32-Puts up stakes
- 33-To bring up
- 35-Tools for creasing
- 36-Female lion
- 38-Gullies
- 39-Wastes
- 40-Dish
- 41-Concluded
- 42-Soak, as flax
- 45-Segment
- 48-Tear
- 49-Situation
- 50-And others (Lat. abbr.)
- 52-Especially (abbr.)
- 53-A vegetable
- 55-Sop
- 59-Thallium (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

JAPANESE COLLECTION OF CUSTOMS IN NORTH CHINA

London, To-day.

The question of collection of Customs revenue in North China was dealt with by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) asked whether the Japanese authorities still hold Customs collections in North China, and to what extent they are making remittances against loan obligations.

Mr. Eden said his information was that Customs revenues were collected in Tientsin and Ching-wangtao, being banked in the name of the Inspector-General of Customs in the Yokohama Specie Bank, and remittances were being made, though not regularly nor in the adequate amount.—Reuter.

REBELS RELEASE ALL SHIPS

London, To-day.

In a Commons answer the Foreign Secretary stated that no British ships were at present held by the Salamanca authorities.

He also informed the House that the cost of damage to H.M.S. Hunter, for which the British Government hold the insurgent authori-

METHOD OF COLLECTING BRAZILIAN DEBT DEMANDED

London, To-day.

The action of the Brazilian Government in suspending the remittance of funds destined for the service of foreign debt was again the subject of Commons questions yesterday and notice of further questions has been given.

The Foreign Secretary told his questioners that he was awaiting the report of the British Ambassador at Rio de Janeiro who, as he had previously informed the House, had been instructed to urge reconsideration of the position, particularly in view of the deplorable effect such unilateral action had created in London.

Next Tuesday, the President of the Board of Trade will be asked if he will prepare a scheme for Anglo-Brazilian clearing so that if the proposals by the Brazilian Government in respect of debt default are not of such a kind as British negotiators can recommend for acceptance, Anglo-Brazilian clearing may be ready for the protection of the £262,000,000 of British capital in Brazil shown on the London Stock Exchange.—British Wireless.

ties responsible, would be in the region of £124,000. A capital sum of about £10,500 would also be required for the compensation of the dependents of the men killed and of the men injured in the explosion.—British Wireless.

SOVIET'S HUGE SUBMARINE FLEET

London, To-day.

An astonishing report on the naval power of the Soviet is published in Berlin on the authority of the German Admiralty, states Mr. Hector Bywater, naval correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

The report reveals that Russia's 151 submarines constitute the largest submarine fleet in the world.

It is believed that 50 of these underwater craft are stationed at Vladivostok, where structural parts of new submarines are periodically arriving by the Trans-Siberian Railway ready for assembly in the local dockyard.

A big programme of other construction—heavy cruisers, fast and light cruisers and other craft is being built, with several 35,000-ton battleships projected.

New naval bases of first rank recently have been created in Far Eastern and European waters.—Reuter.

TOKYO DISPLAY FOR PACT ANNIVERSARY

Tokyo, To-day.

Large-scale celebrations are to be held in the capital to-day on the occasion of celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Germano-Japanese Anti-Comintern Pact.

At noon, a reception is being held at the German Embassy, at which Prince Chichibu, the Premier, Prince Konoye, and most of the Cabinet will attend.

At the same time a mass meeting is being held in the Kolakuen Stadium, where Prince Kanin will deliver an address.

This evening there will be a giant lantern procession through the streets of Tokyo, which will be followed by a State banquet at the Tokyo Kaikan, at which the Italian and German Ambassadors and the Premier will be present.

At 8.30 this evening, radio listeners in Japan will be able to hear the exchange of broadcasts between Tokyo and Berlin over Station J.O.K.A.—Our Own Correspondent.

"THE TIMES" APOLOGISES FOR BRITAIN

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Without such assurances they could not reasonably commit their country to a course of action which would inevitably have ended in fiasco. Meanwhile they would remain in constant consultation with the other governments who share their desire for early re-establishment of peace.—Reuter.

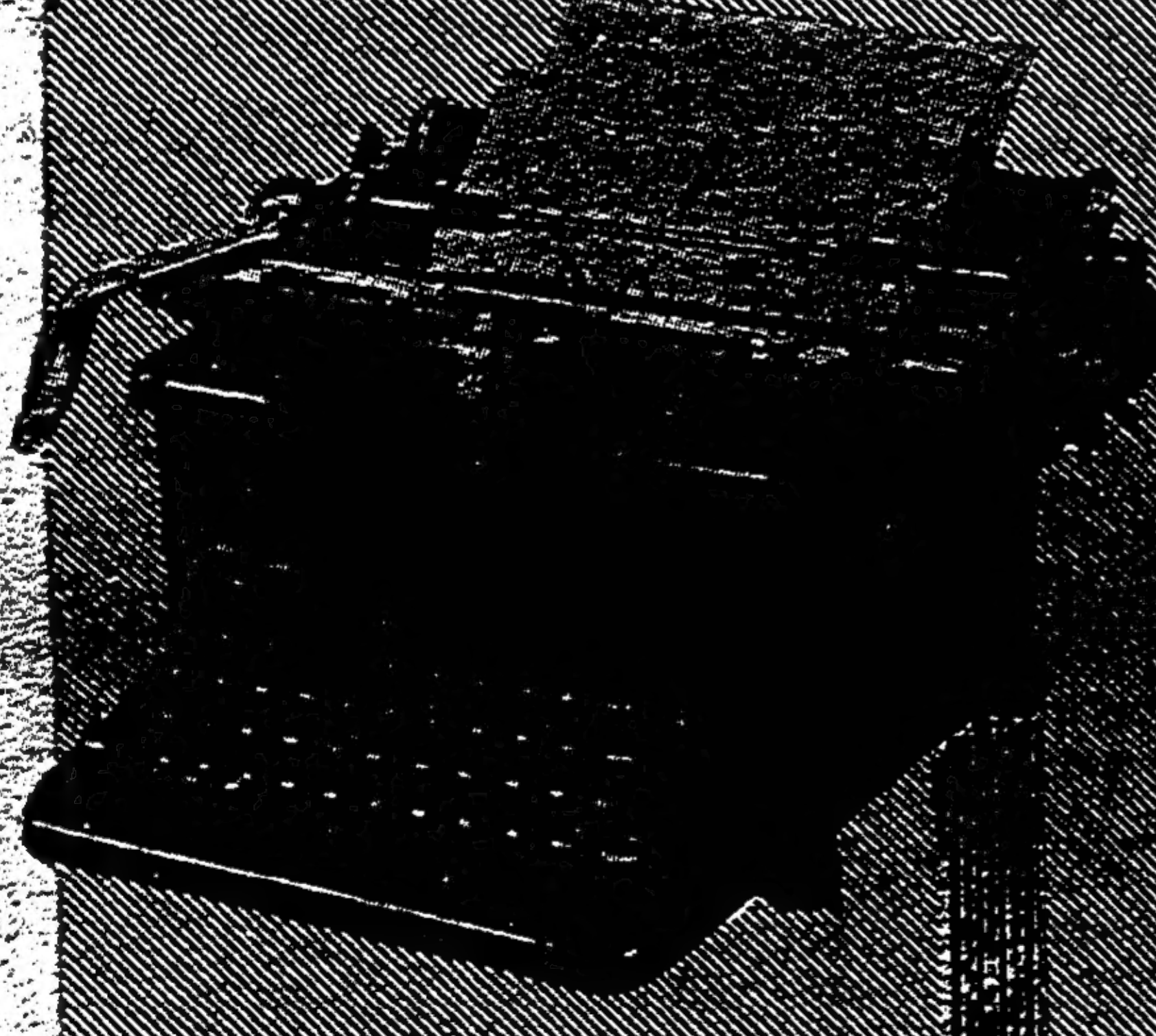
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